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The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

Psalm CIII, 17-18.

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Paul.

Then the forms of the departed
  Enter at the open door;
The beloved, the true-hearted,
  Come to visit me once more;

He, the young and strong, who cherished
  Noble longings for the strife,
By the roadside fell and perished,
  Weary with the march of life!

They, the holy ones and weakly,
  Who the cross of suffering bore,
Folded their pale hands so meekly,
  Spake with us on earth no more!

O, though oft depressed and lonely,
  All my fears are laid aside,
If I but remember only
  Such as these have lived and died.

Longfellow.

PREFACE.

With much hesitation I undertook the work of making a genealogy. Encouragement of friends, as well as my own interest in the subject, beguiled me into the task, and, having once put my hand to the plow, I could not well turn back until the end of the furrow was reached.

A genealogy is a family record extending through many generations. It is of interest as families are of interest, and no ties are more precious than those of the home. The first object of this work is to emphasize the value of the home, the good character of which is essential to happiness. If parents, children, and kindred are worthy of each other's honor they will be worthy of the honor of all. A genealogy is made up largely of names and dates, but this need not indicate that such a work is dry and meaningless. A name with two dates standing as sentinels, the one at the gate of entrance into life, the other at the gate of exit, means much. A name stands for a life with its joys, sorrows, labors, hopes. A mother as she gave the dates of the birth and death of her boy burst into tears; a love was there, a hope, yes, a life, whose history no pen can trace, which only the heart knows.

The writer of this work has spared no pains to make it accurate and complete. That a work of this nature be wholly free from error cannot be expected. The care which the compiler has taken in weighing evidence, in reading manuscripts, in transcribing names and dates, should exempt him from receiving more than his share of blame for any errors that may exist.

Research has been made to learn as much as possible about the early fathers of the Viets family. Town and pro-

bate records have been searched, old letters and other papers have been brought forth to testify, gravestones have been conferred with, the oldest living members of the family have been consulted, and every available source of information resorted to. Only one thing is lacking to make the record of earlier generations complete and perfect in every instance, and that is some means by which the departed may be made to speak.

Several hundred letters have been sent out into all parts of the country, and these have in most cases received a prompt and cordial response. The writer has enjoyed making acquaintances and finding kindred in distant states, and the interest shown by them has been a constant encouragement to him in his work.

The plan of the writer at first was to carry the genealogy but one generation out of the Viets name, but more remote descendants have been included when records could be obtained.

If a more complete account is given of some families or individuals than of others it is because more material came to hand.

It is believed that the line of descent as given is in every instance correct unless a doubt is expressed. There is a break in the line of descent of a few families, which cannot, as yet, be bridged over. In some instances probably a knowledge of but one generation is wanting to connect certain existing families with older ones. Families probably descended from Dr. John Viets, but whose line cannot be traced with certainty, are placed in an appendix at the end of the volume.

Mention is made of services rendered in the Revolutionary and other wars, as far as the facts are known. The majority of the family are eligible to join the " Sons " or " Daughters of the Revolution," some by more than one ancestor.

I desire to acknowledge my indebtedness to Levi Clinton Viets, whose knowledge of early family history has been an indispensable help, and whose interest in the work has been an encouragement from the first. I also desire to thank friends in different sections of the country and in Nova Scotia who have sent records and information regarding their branches of the family, some of them at considerable expense of time and labor, and to all of whom I am deeply indebted.

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VIETS FAMILY.

NAME. — ORIGIN AND SPELLING.

Among the nations of modern Europe, family names may in some cases be traced back as far as the tenth century. In early times each individual bore one name only, which, after the coming of Christianity, was usually given at baptism. The surname, or overname, so called from the fact that it was at first written over the given name, like most innovations, came into general use slowly.

When surnames came into use they were often found ready at hand in the occupation, place of residence, or some characteristic of the persons to whom they were given. The origin of such names as Tanner, Carpenter, Smith needs no explanation. The names Hill and Underhill, Wood and Underwood are no doubt derived from places of residence. Such names as White, Brown, Longfellow may have had their origin in personal characteristics. Some names had their origin in words no longer in use in common speech, or in a forgotten dialect, and are more difficult to trace.

The origin of the name *Viets* may be looked for among the dialects included under the general term German, or Teutonic, spoken in former ages in that interesting region which extends from the Alps to the North Sea, a country romantic, and occupied for twenty centuries by a people among the noblest.

This name, as seems probable, if not certain, is from an old Teutonic given name *Veit*, or *Viet*, which corresponds with the common English name *Guy*, a shorter form of *Guido*, and of the same origin and meaning as the word *guide*. The letters *w* and *v* in early German dialects correspond to *gu* in Italian and French words of kindred origin. An example of this is seen in the name *William*, which in German

is *Wilhelm*, in French, *Guillaum*. By the same analogy, Veit and Guido are one name.

With this agrees Adelung, who in his "Dictionary of the High German Dialect" gives the following: *Veit*, Latin *Vitus*, a man's given name of ancient German origin, and contracted from *Guido*.

Calisch, an eminent scholar in Holland, informs us that *Veit* and *Guy* are corresponding Dutch and English forms of the same name.

Veit was probably once in use as a common word, and, becoming a proper name, as such, has survived the long since forgotten dialect of which it once formed a part. The original meaning of the word *veit* can only be inferred from the meanings of kindred words. The Gothic *vitan*, meaning to take heed; the Anglo-Saxon *witan*, to know; the English *wit*, the German *witz*, meaning wit, acuteness, good sense; the Latin *video*, to see, and the English *guide* are all akin, both in form and meaning. The connection of *guide* with the other words mentioned is seen not only in the etymology but in the meaning, for a guide must be one who takes heed, knows, and sees.

Veit, or *Viet*, as a common word in some German dialect of an early day probably had reference to a wise, knowing person, or a guide. This seems to have been the view of Bishop Alexander Viets Griswold, according to Rev. R. Manning Chipman, who, when a young man, was a neighbor of the bishop.

The word *Veit* came to be used as a boy's given name, the original meaning of the word being at length lost sight of. This name gained wide currency from the fact that it was borne by a distinguished saint who died a boy martyr in the reign of Diocletian in the fourth century, known in Germany as Saint Veit, or Viet; in Latin, St. Vitus. Though he died in youth, such was his fame for good works that he became the patron saint of Saxony and Bohemia, and throughout Germany was regarded in the popular superstition as one of the fourteen helpers in time of need. Evidence of the esteem in which he was held is seen in names of places, there being as many as four towns named St. Veit,

also a St. Veitsberg and a St. Veit's mountain, and in Bavaria a place named Veitshöcheim; while on the borders of Holland and Germany there is said to be a place called Viet's Flat, where Emperor William I. once stopped in his progress through the country. From the belief that this saint could cure the dancing malady that disease came to be called St. Vitus' dance; in Germany, Veitstanz. His day on the calendar was June 15th, hence the garden bean, which began to be eatable about this time, was called in some regions the Veitsbean. Among old German proverbs are: "Holy St. Veit, wake me in time, wake me neither too early nor too late; wake me when it strikes five," and "Rain on St. Veit's day brings a fruitful year."

The name St. Veit is sometimes spelled St. Viet in German, and in the high German of the Middle Ages was pronounced the same as *Viet* in modern German.

Veit, or Viet, in use for centuries as a common name, came at length to be applied as the surname of a family. How this came about is a matter of conjecture. A reasonable supposition is that someone in need of a surname chose the name *St. Viet*, either because he was from a town or village of this name, or from regard for the saint. *St.* was dropped from the name in course of time, perhaps at the time of the Protestant Reformation, and a final *s* added. Another conjecture is that a father bearing the given name *Viet*, the children took this for their surname, perhaps at the same time adding the letter *s*, the origin of surnames from given names being of frequent occurrence.

The spelling of this name seems to have been, usually, *Veit* in the dialect of an early day, but in modern high German the correct spelling of the name as we pronounce it is *Viet*, and *Viets*, for *ie* in modern German is pronounced *ee*, while *ei* is pronounced *i*.

The father of John and Henry Viets, who settled in Simsbury, Conn., in 1710, spelled his name John *Viet*, or *Viett*, while in the records of the old Dutch Church in New York his name is written *Veet*. On the same records is also recorded the name of one Margrita *Veets*, who was sponsor at a baptism in 1702 and again in 1734. Margrita may have

been a connection of Dr. John, but of this nothing is known. On the gravestone of the widow of Dr. John in Simsbury the name is written *Vets*. This is the phonetic spelling of some stonecutter, as Phelps is sometimes spelled Felps in old records. John and Henry, the sons of Dr. John, added *s* to the name Viett, as the father wrote it, making it *Vietts*. A few years later one *t* was dispensed with, and the name since about 1750 has been written *Viets* by the descendants of John and Henry, with few exceptions. The fact that this is the spelling of the name in public and family records, and in the almost unvarying usage of branches of the family so widely separated as from Nova Scotia to California, is good reason for preserving it without change.

It may be of interest to mention that in Oesterley's Geographical Dictionary of the Middle Ages the following are given as names of places in the region of Brandenburg, Prussia: *Vietnitz*, *Veitnitz*, *Wietmannsdorf*, *Vietmannsdorf*, and *Vietz*. *Viet*, in *Vietmannsdorf*, is thought to be from a word in some early dialect meaning *wood*. It may be conjectured that the name *Viets* is derived from this old word *Wiet*, or *Viet*, meaning *wood*, instead of from *Veit* or *Viet* before mentioned, meaning *guide;* in this case Viets corresponds with the surname *Wood*, instead of with *Guido* and *Guy*. *Viet-mannsdorf* means *Wood-man's-village*. *Vietz* is a modern town of some 3,000 inhabitants in Prussia, twenty-six miles northeast from Frankfurt. It is probably of different origin from the family name *Viets*, but of this nothing is known with certainty.

In "Foerstmann's Old German Proper Names" is found the following: *Witiza*, a king of the West Goths in the eighth century; allied names, *Wizo*, *Vizo*, *Guizo*, *Weiss*, *Weitz*, *Wietze*. Foerstmann gives another group of allied names: *Wide*, *Guido*, *Wito*, *Vito*, *Vitus*, *Witt*.

The name *Vietsch* occurs in Germany. One family of this name received a title of nobility. This name may have been formed from *Viet* or *Viets*. On the other hand, it may be supposed that one bearing the name *Vietsch* might drop the German ending, making the name *Viet* or *Viets*.

FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS.

One of the speakers at the Viets reunion named as characteristics of the family honesty, modesty, and oddity. The family is characterized by industrious and home-abiding qualities and by abhorrence of vice and crime. Those of this name are, as a rule, deliberate, just, and fair-minded. They are a race of well-to-do farmers, each son usually succeeding in acquiring a good estate of his own. Few have become rich, none very poor. Few have risen to eminence, yet all, without exception, have been useful and respected citizens. Many town offices have been well filled by them. Several clergymen have sprung from them. A number have left the farm to become merchants. A few have become lawyers, and a few manufacturers, while the medical profession has received from them able recruits.

As regards religion, the early fathers and mothers of the family were identified with the Congregational Church, the mother church of New England. The first to dissent was Roger Viets, who joined the ranks of the Episcopalians. The family are now, as a rule, well represented in churches and Christian work, those of this name being found in the Congregational, Episcopal, Methodist, Baptist, Disciples, and other communions, and thus have regard for the honor of God, and for the well-being of themselves and families.

HISTORICAL VIEW.

Simsbury was settled about 1664 and became a town in 1670. The first settler was John Griffin, who came there to manufacture tar and turpentine from the pine woods which reared their stately trunks on the outskirts of the open meadows of the Farmington, as if to guard the entrance to the greater forest of oak, beech, and maple beyond. In 1786 the northern half of Simsbury was set off as a separate town under the name of Granby, the southern boundary of the new town touching the Farmington at its northern bend and including the district of old Simsbury known as the Falls. In 1859 East Granby was set off from Granby, the line running north and south about two miles west of the mountain,

near the Northampton division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. The center of East Granby lies east of the mountain. The district known as the Falls is west of the mountain in the extreme southwestern part of the town, and enjoys the eminence of being the earliest settled portion of East Granby, as it was of the mother town of Simsbury. It is stated that in 1709 there were but two families living within the limits of the present town of East Granby, and these were the families of John Griffin and Joshua Holcomb, both living at the Falls.

The next year, 1710, marked the advent of Dr. John Viets, who settled at the Falls, then a part of Simsbury. Dr. Viets left two sons, Henry and John. The life of Henry stretched from 1709 to 1779, the life of John from 1712 to 1777. From these two brothers have sprung all of the Viets name in East Granby, and, for the most part, throughout the country.

EXPLANATION.

In the genealogy an index figure at the right and a little above a name indicates the generation, counting Dr. John Viets first.

In lists of children, the Arabic number placed at the left of a name near the margin indicates the paragraph where the name is again found as the head of a family. By means of this numbering the line may be traced back from a name to its connection in the preceding generation or forward to its place as head of a family in the generation following.

GENEALOGY.

FIRST GENERATION.

1

Dr. John[1] Viets, or Viett, a young physician from Europe, came to America a few years previous to 1700, settled in New York, where he married Catharine Meyers, and in the year 1710 removed with his family to Simsbury, Connecticut, where he lived until the close of his life, thirteen years later.

The earliest written reference, probably, relating to our ancestors is in the records of the First Dutch Reformed Church of New York, now the Marble Collegiate Church, as follows:

A 1700 Apr 24 Johannes Veet, j.m. Van Brisach, in Sweden, en Catharina Meÿers, j. d. Van N. Yorck, beÿde woonende alhier.

In the New York city record of marriages is the following, referring, no doubt, to the same persons:

April 27, 1700, John Veet and Catharine Meyers.

That these records refer to our ancestors is almost or quite certain, for both names and the date agree with this view. But a difficulty arises in the fact that the church record seems to indicate that the groom was from Brisach in Sweden, for no tradition points to that country as the early home of John Viets.

An explanation may perhaps be found in the fact that there appears to be no place named Brisach in Sweden, while there is a place of this name on the Rhine, in the Duchy of Baden, Germany. Brisach, or Old Brisach, stands on the right bank of the river, is said to have a fine cathedral, and a

population of 2,355. On the left bank of the river is New Brisach. If we are right in supposing that the record should read Brisach in *Baden* instead of Brisach in Sweden, the early home of our ancestor was on the Rhine, among the hills of Southern Germany. To confirm us in this view we have the family traditions, which point to Germany, never to Sweden, and the still more convincing fact that the library of Dr. John Viets, if we may trust the appraisers of his estate, was in the German language.

It should, however, be mentioned that in one branch of the family there is a tradition that Dr. Viets came from Holland, and the biographer of Bishop Griswold speaks of the descent of the bishop, on the Viets side, from Alexander Viets, an eminent Dutch physician. But the last statement lacks confirmation from any other record or tradition, as regards both name and nation.

After carefully weighing such evidence as we possess this may be said with confidence: John Viets, or Viett, was born in Germany, possibly in Holland, at a date not far removed from 1665; received more than a common education; studied medicine; came to America about 1690; brought with him to this country fifteen books in the German language, which in those days was a library; was entitled "Mr.," which, as the term was used at the time, indicates that he belonged to the better class, and was a man of respectability and enterprise. Judging from his descendants, and from the race to which he belonged, we may picture him as a man of even features, good looks, physical force, and fair intellectual ability.

There is a tradition handed down by Mrs. Captain George Viets, whose mother was a granddaughter of Dr. John, which runs as follows: "John Viets was a good linguist, able to read and write several languages; on completing his studies in Germany, including medicine, he took a sea voyage for pleasure and travel, and came to New York; three times he undertook to return to the Fatherland, but was shipwrecked and driven back on the American coast each time, and was thus led to the conclusion that Providence had decreed that he should settle in this country."

Another tradition is from Mrs. Andrew Clark, a great-granddaughter of Henry, the oldest son of John Viets, as follows: "John Viets was a gentleman's son in Germany; was educated for a physician; took a sea voyage, as was customary for young men before settling down; was shipwrecked on an island in the Atlantic, where, with other survivors, he lived ten days on fish caught and roasted in the sun; a vessel laden with mahogany rescued them, but the captain and mate dying soon after of a fever, Dr. Viets, with such knowledge of navigation as he possessed, managed to bring the vessel into New York harbor."

These traditions have points in common. Both tell us that our ancestor was from Germany, was educated for a physician, went to sea, was shipwrecked, and finally landed in New York.

That John Viets came first to New York and lived there several years, there is no doubt. There he married his wife, and there two or three of his children were born. He must have found in the mixed population of the place many of his own countrymen, the Germans, although the greater part of the inhabitants were English and Dutch.

He was probably led to remove to Connecticut by the same motives which are ever urging people to change their residence, the pursuit of fortune and a better place for himself and family.

The copper mines in Simsbury had been discovered a few years before Dr. Viets settled there, and made the place famous both in this country and in Europe, but there is no evidence that he ever was in any way connected with these mines. The statement made in a local history that he was connected with a company of German miners as physician and surgeon, is, I think, without foundation, for his advent antedated that of the German miners by eleven years. Residing as he did about three miles from the mines he may have been summoned there in cases of sickness or accident among the miners.

Mr. Levi Clinton Viets, who is separated from Dr. John by only three intervening generations, and has always lived in the vicinity of his Simsbury home, gives the following as

his opinion after carefully considering the family traditions: "John Viets came from a respectable but not wealthy family and was fairly well educated for a physician in Germany. On completing his studies he decided to go to America. He had two objects in view, one to see the world, the other to find a good situation for the practice of his profession, and for that purpose took with him his books and a choice selection of medicine to use in his practice; but if he did not find a situation to suit him he would return to his native land. In his attempt to return he was prevented by storms and shipwreck that nearly cost him his life. After this he abandoned his intention of returning to Germany and settled down to the practice of medicine, in which he was not particularly successful, but it afforded him a living. In 1710 he had a wife and several small children; his wife was forty-four years of age and he was past middle age, and his practice not large. He probably thought it would be better for him, and much better for his family, to move into the country, where land could be had for nothing and the prospect for his children would be much better than in New York."

The earliest written reference to our ancestor which we possess, subsequent to that of his marriage, is found in the Simsbury town records, under date Dec. 18, 1710, when the following vote was recorded: "Mr. Viett admitted to become an inhabitant here in Simsbury." This was the way newcomers were naturalized, by a vote of the freemen at a duly warned town meeting. The next reference to him is under date Jan. 5, 1711, eighteen days after he was admitted to citizenship, when the heirs of Sergeant John Griffin deeded to "Mr. John Viett, now resident of Simsbury, a certain piece and parcel of land situated within the township of Simsbury, at Samon Brokks, near the Falls, somewhat northerly of Thomas Griffin's house where said Thomas now dwells, and northeastward of said Thomas Griffin's field. . . . The said parcel of land is 11 acres, 3 roods, 8 perches, be it a little more or a little less." By "Samon Brokks" is meant Salmon Brook, a name applied at that day to the region bordering on the brook of that name, and extending from the Farmington at Tariffville, northward into the present town of Granby.

The land referred to could not have been a great distance from the intersection of the Granby and Simsbury roads a mile north of Tariffville. Here our forefather settled and built, unless there were buildings on the place when he received it from the Griffins, and the deed mentions none. Dec. 11, 1712, he was "granted liberty by the town to keep a house of public entertainment for the year ensuing." The next reference to him bears date April 9, 1713, when he mortgaged the land received from the Griffin family to Mrs. Hannah Merriman of Windsor, "with the dwelling-house, linseed-oil mill and other buildings standing thereon for the sum of ten pounds current money." In April, 1723, a few months before his death, he received a grant of eighty-two acres of land from the town. This land was bounded "on the north by the highway leading from Salmon Brook mill towards Windsor, and on the west by William Hays' and Joseph Lamson's land."

In the inventory of Dr. John Viets' estate, as probated, are the following articles which show that he was a man of sufficient enterprise to have provided himself with the implements in use in those days: Saddle and bridle, collar and traces, horse cart irons and cart saddle, sledge and wedges, ax, stubbing hoe, andirons, chisel, numerous pewter cups and plates, iron pots, hooks, trammel, brass kettle, earthen jug, hand bellows, mortar and iron pestle, trunk and chest, spinning-wheels large and small, and numerous phials and bottles. There are also mentioned a library *in German* and a picture, which if preserved, would now be of considerable interest. This inventory mentions seventy-eight acres of land, part of a building and lumber, but has no reference to any other real estate. From this it may be inferred that he had disposed of his home place, and was beginning to build on his new grant of land.

Dr. Viets died in middle life, it is said of a fever. He left a widow and family of children, the oldest of whom was perhaps sixteen years of age and the youngest eleven. There are three records of his death, the Hartford probate record, the Simsbury town record, and the record made by his oldest son Henry. These agree except that the two official records write the name Viett, while the son, who probably made a note

of his father's death some years later, wrote the name Vietts. He died in Simsbury, Nov. 18, 1723. The grave cannot be found, as no stone marks the spot. The most probable conjecture is that his remains lie in the Simsbury burying ground, for there his wife was buried.

Tradition asserts with confidence that John Viets married Catharine Meyers, from a Dutch family of New York, and with this agrees the marriage record in the old Dutch church. Nothing further is known of her. Her stone in the Simsbury burying ground bears the inscription: Catron Vets, ye wife of Dct. John Vets, died March 5, 1734, Ae. 68. This gives 1666 as the date of her birth. Her son Henry leaves a record of her death as occurring on March 6th, as does the town record. Following the two latter records Catherine, wife of Dr. John Viets, died March 6, 1734.

Dr. John and Catherine Viets had four children:

2. i. Catherine, m. Aug. 17, 1738, John Hoskins.
3. ii. Henry, b. 1709; d. April 2, 1779.
4. iii. John, b. Nov. 3, 1712; d. April 8, 1777.
   iv. Mary, or Mercy, m. Goff.

Catherine, Henry, and John will appear again, as heads of families, in paragraphs numbered to correspond with the Arabic numbers at the left of their names. Of Mary, or Mercy, nothing further is known.

Mention should be made of a Benoni who was brought up in the family and bore the name. His parentage is unknown. In the Simsbury records reference is made to property that came to Benoni Viets from his grandfather, Sargent Wilcoxson. The farm of Benoni Viets extended from near Newgate Prison southward about one-third of a mile on both sides of the highway, the house, now gone, standing on the east side under the peak. He married, June 20, 1745, Martha Moore, daughter of Amos Moore, born April 5, 1722, and had two daughters: Martha, b. Feb. 27, 1747, and Mary, b. June 27, 1751. Martha married Benoni Griffin, and had Martha, Benoni, and Viets *Griffin*. Mary married Abner Viets. Benoni Viets died Oct. 7, 1795, age 80. His wife, Martha Moore Viets, died in 1796.

OLD CAPT. JOHN VIET'S PLACE AT NEWGATE.

SECOND GENERATION.

2

(Catherine,[2] John.[1])

CATHERINE[2] VIETS, daughter of Dr. John and Catherine (Meyers), was born, it is thought, before her parents left New York, and came with them to Simsbury in the fall of 1710. She married, Aug. 17, 1738, John Hoskins of Windsor, Conn. According to the History of Windsor by Ezra Stiles, he was third in descent from John Hoskins who came from England to Dorchester, in 1630, and thence to Windsor with the first party of settlers.

Children of John and Catherine (Viets) Hoskins as given in the town records of Windsor were:

i. John *Hoskins*, b. May 5, 1740.
ii. David *Hoskins*, b. May 24, 1741.
iii. Simeon *Hoskins*, b. Jan. 1, 1743.
iv. Daniel *Hoskins*, b. Sept. 6, 1744.
v. Mary *Hoskins*, b. Jan. 31, 1746-7; married David Viets.
vi. Ezekiel *Hoskins*, b. Jan. 3, 1749.
vii. Catherine *Hoskins*, b. Sept. 16, 1750.
viii. Benjamin *Hoskins*, b. Dec. 7, 1752; d. 1753.
ix. Benjamin *Hoskins*, b. Dec. 25, 1753.

3

(Henry,[2] John.[1])

HENRY VIETS[2] was born, probably in New York, in 1709, and came to Simsbury in 1710 with his parents, Dr. John and Catherine Viets. He obtained a practical education. His account book, still in a good state of preservation, is in the custody of his descendant, Jonathan M. Viets of Bryan, Ohio. It shows that Henry was a good penman and accountant. He made use of Latin expressions, which he may have learned when a lad, from his father. On the first page of the old book may still be seen the following: Henry, alias Hen-

ricus Viett, of Simsbury, Conn., his book of accounts or accompts, 1729. Henry Viets and his brother John are both said to have been stout, strong young fellows, and given to practical jokes, as was the case with young men in the frontier settlements in those days. Henry, after the death of his father, which took place when he was but thirteen years old, was for a time connected with the copper mining industry at Newgate. He soon, however, came into possession of considerable real estate, and settled down as a farmer in the northern part of the town, at what is now the little village of Copper Hill. The old homestead is now the property and place of residence of his descendant, James H. Viets. The old house is no longer standing.

Henry Viets married, *first*, Sept. 22, 1735, Margaret Hoskins of Windsor, sister of his brother-in-law, John Hoskins. She was born May 10, 1712, and died Sept. 28, 1750. He married, second, May 22, 1751, Margaret Austin of Suffield. She was born in 1712, and died Oct. 15, 1783.

Children by first marriage:

5. i. Henry, b. Jan. 13, 1737; d. in Becket, Mass., Feb. 5, 1824.
   ii. Margaret, b. May 9, 1739; m. John Austin; d. Sept. 22, 1782.
   iii. Luke, b. June 17, 1743; accidentally shot in October, 1757, while hunting in Becket, Mass.
6. iv. David, b. Feb. 18, 1746; d. Nov. 3, 1815.
7. v. Jonathan, b. Sept. 26, 1750; d. Feb. 17, 1837.

By second marriage:

8. vi. James, b. Aug. 28, 1752; d. Dec. 23, 1827.

4

(John,[2] John.[1])

CAPTAIN JOHN[2] VIETS, son of Dr. John and Catherine (Meyers), was born in Simsbury, Nov. 3, 1712. He gives evidence of having had a practical education for those days. His firm, legible hand may still be seen in his account book, now in possession of his descendant, Charles Preston of Syracuse, N. Y., and in the account book of his son, Captain Abner Viets. John worked for a time with his brother Henry in the Simsbury copper mines at Newgate. It is said that while

working in the mines at Newgate he met Lois Phelps, an unusually charming girl, who had come with others to visit the caverns, which, then as now, were objects of curiosity. Lois afterwards became his wife.

John Viets passed some years of his early life in Westfield, Mass. It was another John Viets, probably his grandson, who raised a family in Westfield at a later day. Mr. Viets possessed great energy and considerable business sagacity. He settled on an estate near Newgate and became a farmer, store and hotel keeper, and an extensive trader. His homestead is now in possession of his descendant, Virgil E. Viets. The present house, however, or the greater part of it, was built at a later day. Tradition gives John Viets the credit of introducing potato culture into this part of Connecticut; he is said to have brought the seed from Rhode Island in his saddlebags. When the first crop of potatoes had broken the ground, the old men of the neighborhood were called together to decide how they should be hoed. After due deliberation it was decided that at the first hoeing they should be entirely covered with fresh soil. A fair crop was reported. Mr. Viets bought horses about the country and took them to Boston for sale. It is said that he rode his mare to Boston in one day, a distance of a hundred miles. On one occasion he reached the east bank of the Connecticut opposite Windsor late in the day with a drove of horses; the ferryman being on the west side, and unwilling to cross over for him at such a late hour, Mr. Viets, impatient of delay, urged his horses into the flood and swam them to the opposite shore, although he himself was not able to swim, and the river high. He was first a lieutenant and afterwards captain of militia. His appointment as captain is recorded in the Colonial Records, May 17, 1746, when the following vote was passed: "This Assembly do establish and confirm Mr. John Viets to be captain of the fourth company or train band in Simsbury, and order that he be commissioned accordingly." In 1753 he was one of the selectmen of the town. In 1754 a memorial was presented to the General Assembly by John Viets requesting abatement of taxes on unimproved land in North West Simsbury. In 1773 Captain John Viets was appointed

master or keeper of Newgate prison for the ensuing year. In 1775 he was again appointed keeper of Newgate during the pleasure of the Assembly; he was paid this year for his services as keeper £149, 17s, 8½d. During the early years of the War for Independence he did good service for the patriot cause by keeping Tory prisoners in durance at Newgate. It is said that he purchased large tracts of land in Becket, Mass., owning at one time half the town. His nephew, Henry, who settled in Becket, bought land of him. Starting in life with little inherited wealth, except good blood and good health, he accumulated an estate which was valued at his death at the age of sixty-five at £2,243, 15s, and 1d., or about $10,000. He brought up a family of ten children, two of whom were fitted for college, and one was graduated at Yale. In the inventory of his estate are three hundred and seven articles; among them are: Bible, singing book, Book of Common Prayer, law book, dictionary, Book of Martyrs, Psalter, Testament, and Vade Mecum. There were among his possessions a beaver hat valued at £1 and 13s., leather breeches, silver knee and shoe buckles, two great coats, desk, and a set of China tea dishes.

Captain John Viets died of smallpox April 8, 1777, aged 65. He was buried a short distance north of his home at Newgate, and there the remains of his widow were afterwards laid by his side. An iron fence erected by descendants encloses the two graves, and the spot has been deeded by the owner of the farm, Virgil E. Viets, to the following trustees: Henry R. Viets of Newton, Mass.; Charles H. Barrows of Springfield, and Virgil E. Viets of East Granby.

Lois Phelps was born March 10, 1718, and became the wife of John Viets December 12, 1734. Lois was a descendant of Mr. William Phelps, one of the early settlers of Windsor, Conn., who was born in Tewkesbury, Gloucester county, England, in 1599; came in 1630 to Dorchester, and thence in the spring of 1636 to Windsor. He is referred to as an "excellent, pious, upright man, truly a pillar in church and state." Mr. Phelps was accompanied from England by his wife and five children, and by two younger brothers, George and Richard.

There is a tradition that Lois was a daughter of Nathaniel Phelps of Turkey Hills (East Granby), and Mr. A. T. Servin, the genealogist of the Phelps family, makes this Lois[5] daughter of Nathaniel[4] Phelps (and Lois his wife), who removed from Northampton to Granby, son of William[3] Phelps (and Abigail Stebbins) of Northampton, son of Nathaniel[2] Phelps (and Elizabeth Copley), who came with his father, William,[1] to Windsor, Conn., and later settled in Northampton, Mass. Elizabeth Copley was an English lady of rank.

As the majority of those given in the following pages are descended from Phelps ancestry, we are able by the courtesy of Mr. Servin to present the coat of arms of the Phelps family in England.

Tradition says that Lois was small, bright, and active. When John Viets and his bride appeared at church they were spoken of as the handsomest couple that had ever entered the church.

After the death of John Viets his widow married, in 1778, Colonel Jonathan Humphrey. She lived to an advanced age, able to read or work without glasses, and died Nov. 12, 1810, aged ninety-two.

Children of Captain John and Lois (Phelps) Viets:

9. i. John, b. March 2, 1736; d. Sept. 27, 1765.
10. ii. Roger, b. March 9, 1738; d. Aug. 15, 1811.
11. iii. Seth, b. May 26, 1740; d. 1823.
12. iv. Eunice, b. Nov. 24, 1742; d. Aug. 20, 1823.
13. v. Lois, b. Jan. 29, 1745.
14. vi. Abner, b. Feb. 15, 1747; d. July 17, 1826.
vii. Catherine, b. Aug. 7, 1749; d. April 14, 1756.
viii. Dan, b. July 2, 1751; is said to have left home, and was not afterwards heard from.
15. ix. Rosannah, b. May 13, 1755.
16. x. Luke, b. June 6, 1759; d. Feb. 25, 1835.

THIRD GENERATION.

5

(Henry,[2] Henry,[2] John.[1])

HENRY[3] VIETS, son of Henry and Margaret (Hoskins), born at Copper Hill, East Granby, then the northern part of Simsbury, Jan. 13, 1737, died in Becket, Mass., Feb. 5, 1824. Northern Simsbury, when Dr. Viets settled at the Falls, contained but few families. There were in 1709 but eleven families in the region now embraced in the town of Granby. The generous families of the early settlers, together with new comers, soon changed the wilderness into thriving farms, with occasional taverns, shops, and stores; while roughly made carts drawn by oxen might be seen taking loads of produce to the cities, or to the nearest boat landing on the Connecticut. About 1750 the sons of older families began to look for new regions in which to find scope for their enterprise. Henry Viets became the owner of a large farm in Becket, Mass., which remained in his family for several generations. He married, first, Beulah Messenger of Becket, Aug. 18, 1763, and second, Abial Kingsley, Dec. 31, 1776.

Children by first marriage:

i. Chloe, b. May 18, 1765; m. May 25, 1785, Capt. Abner Pease of Blanford, Mass., and had: Levi, Ruth, Eli, and Chloe.
ii. Eunice, b. Feb. 20, 1767; m. Pearly Snow of Ashford, Conn.
iii. Beulah, b. Nov. 23, 1769; m. 1st, Levi Coffrin, 2d, John Austin; removed to Ohio.
17. iv. Henry, b. Jan. 16, 1772; d. Aug. 25, 1866.

By second marriage:

v. Ruth, b. April 16, 1778; d. in infancy.
vi. Ruth, b. Nov. 18, 1782; d. in infancy.

6

(David,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

DAVID[3] VIETS was born at Copper Hill, in Simsbury, Conn., Feb. 18, 1746, and died Nov. 3, 1815, or, according to the account book of his brother Jonathan, " Dec. 3d, *near Connecticut.*" In pursuance of a course similar to that of his brother Henry, David went into northwestern Connecticut and became a large landowner in the town of Colebrook. His estate, which embraced several hundred acres, extended as far north as the Massachusetts line. He was living in Colebrook as early as the War for Independence, and perhaps earlier, for he bought land there in 1766 of David Hoskins of Windsor.

David Viets married, May 24, 1764, Hannah Hoskins of Windsor, according to the Simsbury town record, but the officiating clergyman, Rev. Roger Viets, gives the name as Mary Hoskins, the date of the marriage being the same in both records. Children of David and Hannah (or Mary) Hoskins Viets:

i. Mary, b. Feb. 9, 1766.
ii. David, b. Feb. 15, 1767; his wife may have been Lucretia, who died in Colebrook Sept. 8, 1818, aged 43.
iii. Luke, b. Dec. 9, 1768; was living in Colebrook in 1799.
iv. Sibah, b. May 6, 1771.
v. John, b. Aug. 4, 1772.
vi. Catherine, b. June 18, 1775.
vii. Benjamin, " son of David and Mary, b. Oct. 7, 1783." Colebrook Records.

There was also a Chauncey Viets who lived in Colebrook. Benjamin sold land there in 1805 to James Viets of Granby, and Chauncey sold land in 1825 to Horace and Festus Viets of Granby for $1,640. Fanny Viets of Colebrook was married to Ebenezer Cannon Jan. 18, 1823. Fanny and Chauncey may have been younger children or grandchildren of the older David. What became of the Colebrook family is an unsolved problem. It is said by their relations at Copper Hill that they went West, but no family yet found can be traced with certainty to the Colebrook family. See Appendix, families C. and D.

7

(Jonathan,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

JONATHAN[6] VIETS, son of Henry and Margaret (Hoskins), born at Copper Hill, Sept. 26, 1750, died Feb. 17, 1837. He served in the Revolutionary War, in the Sixth Brigade, Eighteenth Regiment, made up in Simsbury and vicinity, under Captain Job Case and Colonel Phelps. His home was in Suffield, west of the mountain just north of the Granby line. The place is now in possession of the heirs of Mrs. Caroline (Viets) Clark. His account book indicates that in partnership with his brother James he worked his mother's farm and was employed in the copper mines. He married Caroline Munsell, October, 1793, and "on Oct. 24, 1793," he says in his account book, "we moved into our house in Suffield." His wife was born in 1757 and died Jan. 19, 1813.

CHILDREN.

18. i. Jonathan Munsell, b. Sept. 2, 1794; d. Oct. 12, 1843.
ii. Henry, b. June 20, 1801; d. in third year of his age.

8

(James,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

CAPTAIN JAMES[6] VIETS, son of Henry and Margaret (Austin), born Aug. 28, 1752, died Dec. 23, 1827. He remained at home while his older brothers found places elsewhere, finally inheriting the old homestead, which still remains in the family. He built a new and commodious house, which was later the home of his son Festus, and is now the home of his grandson, James H. Viets. James bought land of his brother, or nephews, in Colebrook until he owned some four hundred acres there. At a town meeting held in Simsbury, December, 1784, James Viets was appointed, with others, a surveyor of the highways. He married, May 10, 1780, Elisabeth Brown. She died Feb. 23, 1837.

CHILDREN.

i. Betsey, b. Sept. 6, 1781; m. May, 1817, Robert Church. Daughter: Betsey Church.
ii. Horace, b. March 27, 1783; never married; lived with his sister Achsah Griffin, on the place just north of Copper

Hill, afterwards owned by his nephew, Homer Griffin; died Jan. 16, 1870, aged nearly 87.

19. iii. Achsah, b. June 28, 1785; d. Dec. 17, 1869.

20. iv. Festus, b. June 12, 1790; d. Sept. 24, 1874.

9

(John,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

JOHN[3] VIETS, oldest son of Captain John and Lois (Phelps), born at the old homestead near Newgate, March 2, 1736, died at his home at Hop Meadow, in lower Simsbury, Sept. 27, 1765, at the age of twenty-nine, leaving a wife and four children. John, with his brother Roger, attended a school at Salmon Brook, where both were fitted for college. As the boys came home from school Saturday it is said that in fun they passed through a forked tree that stood by the road, but on returning to school Monday morning they found that they were not able to get through between the forks of the tree.

John did not enter college with his brother, but became a farmer. He wrote verses of some merit. There are still preserved two printed copies of a poem of his, entitled "A Prospect of the Final and Awful Judgment, written by John Viets, Jr., not long before his death, which, in his last hours, he expressed a strong desire might be published to a sinful, careless, and stupid world." The work contains three hundred and twenty-two heroic verses, printed on one side of a single sheet in four columns. At the end is the following acrostic on the author, written by an unknown hand:

*J*ust and upright, religious and sincere,
*O*f judgment deep, of understanding clear,
*H*is chief delight was in God's holy word,
*N*othing he loved so much as Christ his Lord.

*V*irtues fair paths continually he trod,
*I*n various science studied nature's God:
*E*nvied by few, respected by mankind,
*T*o all men civil, to his friends most kind,
*S*o great and good a man our age can seldom find.

On his stone in the Simsbury burying ground is the following epitaph:

> "In memory of John Viets, son of Captain John and Mrs. Lois Viets, and brother of the Rev. R. Viets, Missionary, a man of great understanding, exemplary piety, and prudent behavior. Living and dying he bore testimony against all popular errors, and in these points, what his conscience dictated, his reason was able to defend."

John Viets married, July 1, 1755, Elisabeth, daughter of Hezikiah and Dorothy Phelps. After his death, Elisabeth married, Aug. 5, 1766, Amasa Case.

Children of John and Elisabeth (Phelps) Viets:

i. Deborah, b. June 25, 1757.
21. ii. Hezekiah Phelps, b. Dec. 24, 1759.
iii. Elizabeth, b. Feb. 15, 1762; m. ——— Colton, res. Simsbury.
22. iv. John, b. about 1764-5.

The births of only the first three of this family are recorded on the town records. The existence of the fourth, John, rests upon evidence afforded by the probate record which refers to Hezikiah P. Viets and John Viets as heirs of John Viets, Jr. Also in the will of John Viets, Jr., are mentioned "My beloved sons, Hezekiah P. Viets and John Viets."

10

(Roger,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

REV. ROGER[3] VIETS, son of Captain John and Lois (Phelps), was born at the old homestead on Newgate Hill, in East Granby, then Simsbury, Conn., March 9, 1738; attended school with his brother John at Salmon Brook, where he was fitted for college, and graduated at Yale with the degree of A.B. in 1758.

His parents were Congregationalists, and it is probable that Roger entered college with the intention of preparing for the ministry in the church of his boyhood, which was the mother church of New England. While in New Haven he was led to attend services at Trinity, the Episcopal Church of

RESIDENCE OF CAPT. JAMES AND FESTUS VIETS.
Present home of James H. Viets at Copper Hill.

RESIDENCE OF REV. ROGER VIETS AT DIGBY, NOVA SCOTIA
Restored in part from memory.

the place, and was so impressed that he began to read on Episcopacy in the college library, and became an ardent Episcopalian. In 1759, a year after his graduation at Yale, he was employed by the parish of St. Andrew's, at Scotland, in Simsbury, his native town, as lay reader. The old church is still standing in a picturesque but thinly settled locality near where the Farmington River cuts its way through the mountain. The place, by a later drawing of town lines, is now in North Bloomfield. After Roger Viets had served two or three years as lay reader, the parish expressed a desire for the continuance of his services, and the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel agreed to grant him an allowance of £20 a year as soon as he should be admitted to holy orders and enter upon the care of the parish.

The aspirant for ordination, according to the "Apostolic succession," was, in those days, under the necessity of going to England, as there was no bishop in this country. Crossing the Atlantic was a most formidable undertaking, but Mr. Viets was not daunted, and the voyage was accomplished in three months. Upon his arrival he learned that the ceremony had taken place two weeks before, and he was obliged to wait six months for another opportunity. The pluck which took the young man across the sea enabled him to wait, and the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge befriended him during his stay. He passed the time, as we may suppose, in reading, conversation, and sight-seeing. It is said that after ordination he was invited to preach before the king, who was no doubt interested in hearing a young and promising clergyman from a distant colony.

Returning to America, he took charge of the Simsbury parish, where he was a devoted and faithful pastor for more than twenty-four years. The adherents of St. Andrew's increased during his ministry to nearly three hundred families. Not only Simsbury and vicinity felt his force, but scores of surrounding towns. It was not unusual for him to journey thirty miles on a trip of pastoral visitation. Churches were established by him in outlying places, as at Salmon Brook, in Granby, and at Great Barrington, Mass. He was a Gladstonian woodchopper, a tiller of the soil, and at the same

time was known as a cultured and scholarly man. He is said to have possessed the best library in Connecticut, which, for the most part, had been given him by friends in England. He was a prolific producer of sermons, many of which were published. One of his printed sermons had been delivered before the lodge of Free Masons of which he was a member.

During the Revolution Roger Viets was suspected of sympathizing with the loyalists. He was on one occasion arrested and placed in the county gaol at Hartford for giving comfort to a company of Tories. In answering the charge he replied that he could not refrain from giving food and shelter to men who came destitute to his house. He is said to have preached to the prisoners, including Tories, confined at Newgate.

Roger Viets continued to minister to the Simsbury parish until the close of the war. When the independence of America was an established fact, the English society which had sustained him withdrew its support from missionaries in this country, and he was invited by them to take charge of an extensive parish, not yet organized, whose center was to be at Digby, in the British province of Nova Scotia, where he went in the spring of 1787. In a volume of sermons by him, printed by Hudson & Goodwin of Hartford, is the farewell sermon to the Simsbury people, in which he says:

"Born, as I have been, and nurtured among you, having led your devotions almost twenty-eight years, having been in holy orders twenty-four years, I have administered the holy sacrament of the Lord's Supper to a great number of devout and exemplary communicants, have admitted into Christianity by baptism no less than one hundred and twenty-two of riper years, and one thousand seven hundred and forty-nine infants, have joined in marriage one hundred and seventy-six couples, have committed to the silent grave, in full hope of their rising again at the last day, the bodies of two hundred and nineteen deceased persons, and have received by profession into the bosom of our excellent church two hundred and fifteen heads of families. From the year 1759 to the present time the number of conformists to the church has increased from seventy-five to more than two

hundred and eighty families. Within the above period I have, upon a moderate computation, traveled by land and water more than the extent three times the circumference of the terraqueous globe."

Mr. Viets speaks in his farewell sermon of the gratitude which he feels for the kindness of other denominations, of the pangs of separation, of the shortness of life, and of the reasons which led him to remove to Nova Scotia, among which were: Gratitude to the S. P. G., from which he had received his most constant means of support hitherto, the attractive features of Nova Scotia as a place of residence, the need of the people of Digby and vicinity of the benefits of the church and sacraments, and especially the amiable, gentle, and hospitable character of the inhabitants.

For some account of the journey of Roger Viets and family to Nova Scotia we are indebted to traditions handed down from his daughter Martha, known to later generations as Aunt Beyea (bē-a) and regarded by them as the family record. She died in 1872, aged ninety-four, and was therefore eight or nine years of age at the time of the removal to the new home, which seemed the happiest period of her life. Her father chartered a vessel to convey his family and some friends to the new country. The larder was well stocked. Music and dancing helped to beguile the tedium of a sea voyage. They skirted the shore and often landed to explore the coast, which looked so beautiful from the ocean.

On arriving at his new field the minister found work awaiting him. The country was already fairly well settled, in part by loyalists from the colonies, by mercenaries who had here received lands, and by home-seekers from beyond the sea. Farm houses, surrounded by fertile acres, were scattered along the shores of St. George's Bay. The new pastor had a parish and a church to organize. His work was very extensive. Sometimes he traveled on foot as far as Yarmouth, eighty miles from his home in Digby, guided by an Indian who had blazed a path through the primeval forest. He extended his duty to Shelburne and Liverpool to the south, and as far as Brier Island, which was in his own parish, forty miles from home, to the west. He kept a pair of horses

and would himself drive to the forest, cut a load of wood and take it to a poor parishioner, then enter and sup with him. One day he was accosted by some army sportsmen. To their surprise they found the woodman a scholar, and invited him to dine at the hotel with them, where he appeared as the rector of the parish. Each expressed himself as having spent a delightful evening.

Roger Viets possessed the pen of a ready writer, is said to have been a good Greek scholar, and wrote smoothly flowing verses. Among his poems is one "On Anapolis Royal," from which these lines are taken:

The king of rivers, solemn, calm, and slow,
Flows toward the sea, yet scarce is seen to flow;
On each fair bank the verdant lands are seen
In gayest clothing of perpetual green;
On every side the prospect brings to sight
The fields, the flowers, and every fresh delight;
His lovely banks most beautifully are graced
With nature's sweet variety of taste.
Herbs, fruits, and grass, with intermingled trees,
The prospect lengthens and the joys increase;
The lofty mountains rise in every view,
Creation's glory, and its beauty too.

Amidst the rural joys the town is seen,
Enclosed with woods and hills forever green;
The streets, the buildings, gardens, all concert
To please the eye, to gratify the heart;
But none of these so pleasing or so fair
As those bright maidens who inhabit there.

Another poem of his is entitled "A Father's Lamentation on the Sudden Death of an Amiable and Beautiful Child."

The rector did not consider it beneath his calling to speculate in real estate. On coming to Digby he bought large tracts of land of the mercenaries, who had lately received grants from the crown for services, and were glad to sell cheap. As a consequence neither he nor his son and successor were obliged to receive a stipend from the parish, but lived on their own property.

A number of letters passed between Roger Viets and his brother Abner, whom he appointed his attorney and agent to attend to business affairs which he had left unsettled in New

England. Abner seems to have been the principal correspondent among his friends in Connecticut; several letters to him are preserved. In one of these, written in 1795, the older brother expresses great fear of a war between the United States and Britain. In a letter written from Digby at this date he speaks thus of his own children: "Anna and Patty (Martha) are both married; Anna to Joseph Williams, a sailor; Patty to John Beyea, master of one of the king's packet boats that passes betwixt this place and St. John's, N. B." In another he asks for garden seeds; in another he cautions his brother not to allow the postmaster to collect an extra twenty-five cents on the letter, as the postage has been prepaid in full. In a letter written from Digby, March 26, 1807, he says: "I have met with a most severe loss which almost distracts me. It pleased God to take away my oldest son, Botsford, in the prime of life. This is perhaps as healthy country as almost any in the world, yet I have lost a wife, two children, and two grandchildren since I came here." In this letter he requests that his nephew, Dan, may come and live with him. He writes: "By the death of Botsford I am left very destitute of help. If he had lived I designed to have sent to desire your son to come here this spring. But as it now is I have more necessity for him. I cannot well do without some hearty young man to live with me, especially one ingenious in farming and mechanical business." He advises that if Dan come he walk to New York, "lodging at houses of decent fairness, offering to pay them for his entertainment," and there to take boat for Digby, or St. Johns, where he will find his son-in-law, Captain Bēyea, who will take him to Digby. "At Digby," he writes, "there is a set of very good people, and a set of very bad. Your son must have nothing to do with the bad sort, except to treat them with decency and civility when he meets with them. I hope he is not inclined to profane swearing, or quarreling, or hard drinking, or tavern haunting, or idleness, or slander. He will have temptations to those vices. I hope he will be proof against all such temptations. I hope he is not passionate and addicted to beat and abuse cattle and horses, to which I am very averse."

Unfortunately Dan did not go to Digby, but lived and died near the old home.

In a letter written by Rev. Roger Viets to his brother, in June, 1809, he says: "My son Roger is an assistant clergyman at St. Johns and has the care of a grammar school there besides, supported by the province of New Brunswick. His income is a little more than £200. Roger is married to Eliza Knutton, a very worthy and good young woman."

Rev. Roger Viets visited his old parish and many friends in Connecticut in 1800. He died at Digby, August 15, 1811, aged 73.

Rev. Roger Viets married, Nov. 19, 1772, Hester Botsford, daughter of Captain Nathan Botsford of New Milford, Conn. The husband, it is said, never regretted the move to Nova Scotia, but the wife, although she twice visited her old home in New Haven, died broken hearted, her delicate constitution breaking down under exile. She died April 25, 1800, aged 47. Roger Viets married, second, at Kingston, N. B., July 18, 1802, Mercy, widow of Benjamin Isaacs, and daughter of David Pickett from Norwalk, Conn.

Children of Roger and Hester Botsford Viets:

i. Catherine Sarah, b. July 8, 1774; d. Nov. 18, 1782.
ii. Anna, b. June 6, 1776; m. Joseph Connelly; d. 1802; left four children, three of whom were living in 1809; one of them, Ann Hester, was bapt. Aug. 15, 1802.
iii. Martha, b. July 9, 1778; m. Capt. John Beyea; d. 1872; had five children living in 1809.
iv. Nathan Botsford, b. Feb. 3, 1781; d. Jan. 12, 1807; unmarried.
23. v. Roger Moore, b. Nov. 29, 1784; d. June 26, 1839.
vi. Margaret, b. Nov. 21, 1786; d. Jan. 18, 1787.
vii. Hester, b. April 27, 1789; m. Calvin Camp; family lived in Alexandria, Va.
24. viii. Mary, b. Feb. 9, 1792; d. July 16, 1868.

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(Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

SETH[3] VIETS, son of Captain John and Lois (Phelps), was born May 26, 1740. He is mentioned in a will drawn up by his father in 1763 as "my third son Seth," and given thirty

acres of land, one-half of the house and barn, and one-half of all his other land in Simsbury not otherwise disposed of. This will, however, was set aside by another written later, of which Seth, Abner, and Luke were executors. His brother, Rev. Roger Viets, leaves in his parish register a record of his marriage: "At Turkey Hills, Nov. 12, 1769, Seth Viets of Simsbury and Ruth Smith of Suffield." Ruth Viets is mentioned in the Colonial Records as the only child and heir of Simeon Smith of Suffield. Where Seth lived during the early part of his married life is not known, possibly on his father's place at Newgate. His name was on the grand list in Turkey Hills parish in 1785. At a later day he joined the procession of stalwart sons of Connecticut that moved northward and helped to form the Green Mountain commonwealth. At what date he settled at Pawlet, Vt., is not certain. His youngest daughter, Sarah, who married Daniel Brewer of East Hartford, was born in Westfield, Mass., in July, 1798. It is also known that his son Jesse was living in Westfield about that time. He probably settled at Pawlet, Vt., about 1800. Some of the descendants of Seth Viets are still living at Pawlet, but the greater part are in Ohio and elsewhere. Seth Viets died in 1823, aged 83; his wife in 1817, aged 68.

Children of Seth and Ruth (Smith) Viets:

25. i. Ruth, baptized Sept. 26, 1770; d. 1840.
26. ii. Seth, baptized Dec. 20, 1772; d. 1847.
27. iii. Simeon Smith, baptized March 19, 1775; d. 1836.
iv. Lydia, b. May 28, 1777; m. Capt. David Cleveland; d. Medina, Ohio.
v. Deborah, m. Joseph Jones; d. about 1871, at Saratoga, N. Y.
vi. Lois, m. ——— Moody; d. Granby.
28. vii. Jesse, b. Feb., 1781; d. Jan. 1, 1841.
29. viii. Roswell, b. Dec. 30, 1784; d. Feb. 28, 1864.
30. ix. Zopher, b. Jan. 30, 1790; d. Sept. 4, 1860.
31. x. Julia, b. 1794; d. May 14, 1842.
32. xi. Sarah, b. Westfield, Mass., July 16, 1798; d. Oct. 4, 1883.

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(Eunice,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

EUNICE[3] VIETS, daughter of Captain John and Lois (Phelps), born Nov. 24, 1742, married, Nov. 11, 1761, Elisha

Griswold. Elisha was descended from Edward Griswold, who came from Kenilworth, England, to Windsor in 1639.

Elisha Griswold died March 13, 1803, aged 71; his wife, Eunice, died at the home of her daughter in Lanesborough, Mass., Aug. 20, 1823. They lived at Tariffville.

Children of Eunice and Elisha Griswold:

i. Elisha *Griswold*, Jr., m. Arispha Mitchelson.

ii. Alexander Viets *Griswold*, b. April 22, 1766; was instructed by his uncle, Rev. Roger Viets; ordained by Bishop Seabury in 1795; was rector at Bristol, R. I.; was bishop of the Eastern Diocese of the Episcopal Church which included New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, from 1811 until 1843; became presiding bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States in 1836; published many discourses and sermons; was an earnest Christian worker; d. in Boston, Feb. 15, 1843. An extended life of Bishop Griswold was written by Rev. J. S. Stone, D.D. Bishop Griswold married 1st, Elisabeth Mitchelson, 2d, Widow Amelia Smith, having by the first marriage twelve children, by the second two:

1. Elizabeth, m. Augustus Collins. 2. Viets. 3. Eunice. 4. Harriet. 5. Susan Maria, m. George F. Usher. 6. Julia. 7. Sylvia, m. John De Wolf. 8. Rev. George. 9. Anne De Wolf, m. Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, D.D., of New York. 10. Alexander H. 11. Henry Augustus. 12. Harriet. 13. George. 14. Mary Williams.

iii. Ezra *Griswold*, b. 1767.

iv. Eunice *Griswold*, b. 1770.

v. Roger *Griswold*, b. 1772.

vi. Deborah *Griswold*, b. 1776; m. Bethuel Baker of Lanesborough, Mass.

vii. Samuel *Griswold*, b. 1780.

viii. Sylvia Arabel *Griswold*, b. 1781, m. Rev. Jasper D. Jones.

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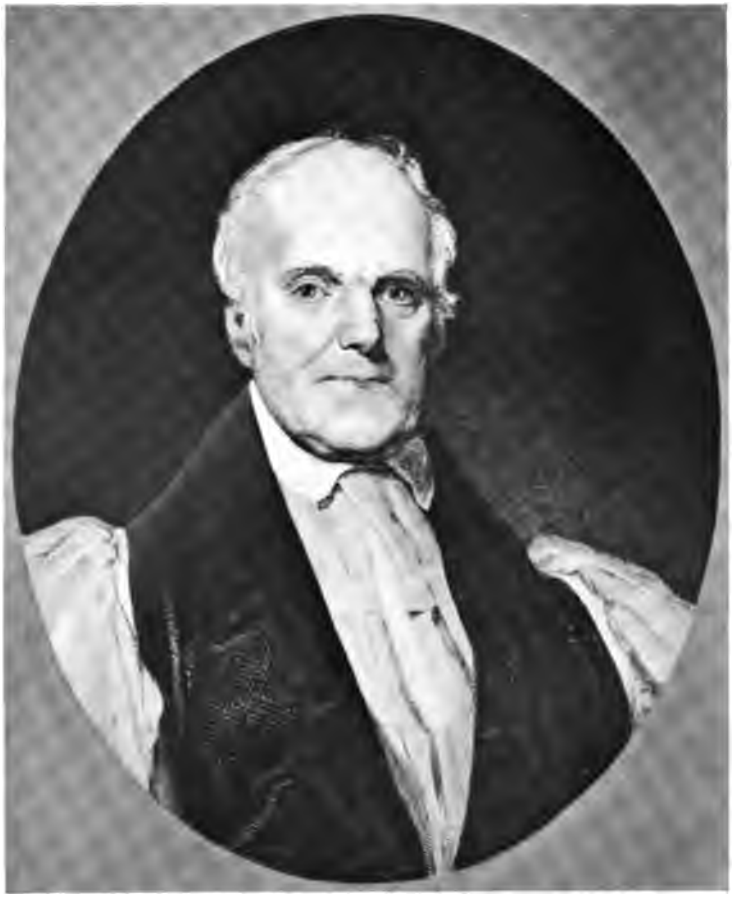
(Lois,[2] John,[3] John.[1])

LOIS[3] VIETS, daughter of Captain John and Lois (Phelps), born at the old homestead near Newgate, Jan. 29, 1745; married, April 25, 1768, Jonathan Buttolph, afterwards written Buttles. This is probably the Jonathan Buttolph who served in the Revolution as captain of the Eighteenth Regiment.



BISHOP ALEXANDER VIETS GRISWOLD.

From an engraving in Dr. Stone's Life of Bishop Griswold.

They resided at North Granby, Conn. Children as found in the Whitney Genealogy:

i. Lois *Buttles*, b. 1771; d. 1777.
ii. Annis *Buttles*, b. 1773; m. Samuel Everett; d. 1852.
iii. Elihu *Buttles*, lived and died at Orwell, Bradford Co., Pa.
iv. Jonathan *Buttles*, Jr., b. 1778; m. Lucy Whitney.
v. Lois *Buttles*, b. 1782; m. March 10, 1799, Samuel P. Whitney; settled at Montville, Ohio, in 1834; celebrated diamond wedding at home of their son, John Viets Whitney, of Montville, March 11, 1870, when the descendants numbered twelve children, fifty-seven grandchildren, and fifty-six great grandchildren.

Children of Lois Buttles and Samuel P. Whitney were: 1. Samuel H. Whitney, who had Milton B., a lawyer in Westfield, Mass. 2. Lois Whitney, m. John Steer. 3. Jonathan R. Whitney. 4. Agnes Whitney, m. 1st, Horace Gillett, 2d, Richard Steer. 5. Marcus I. Whitney, had son, Martin V. Whitney, now residing at Hockanum, Conn. 6. Wm. Lewis Whitney. 7. Seth Whitney. 8. Nelson Whitney. 9. John Viets Whitney.

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(Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

CAPTAIN ABNER[3] VIETS, son of Captain John and Lois (Phelps), was born Feb. 15, 1747, and died at his home, one mile from the place of his birth, July 27, 1826, in the eightieth year of his age. His farm embraced some four hundred acres in the western part of the present town of East Granby, and extending over the Granby line. The homestead was, until 1901, in possession of his grandson, Levi Clinton Viets, when it was sold and passed out of the family. A part of the original farm lying south of the highway comprises the farm still owned by another grandson, Joseph F. Viets.

Abner Viets was an extensive farmer, at a time when farming in Connecticut consisted in producing large quantities of rye, corn, and other grains, in the products of the dairy and the orchard. His papers show that in 1790 he leased for a term of four years, for £16, land in Turkey Hills lying north of Roswell Phelps' land and extending to the top of the

mountain, with the grain growing on it. His name was on the grand list in Turkey Hills parish in 1785 for the sum of £70 5s. He was a surveyor, and sometimes a lawyer. In his account books are numerous charges for pleading cases. He was captain of militia. During the War for Independence he did not enter the field in person, but hired substitutes on several occasions. An old certificate among his papers shows that on March 27, 1778, Owen Ruick enlisted in the room of Abner and Luke Viets. At a town meeting held in Simsbury, December, 1784, he was appointed surveyor of the highways and grand juror. In 18— he was appointed by his brother Roger as his attorney and agent to settle his business affairs in New England. He is spoken of by his grandchildren, who remember him as a man of good stature and of energy.

Abner Viets married, in 1771, Mary, second daughter of Benoni and Martha (Moore) Viets. She was born June 27, 1751, and died in September, 1825.

CHILDREN.

33. i. Abner, b. June 28, 1772; d. Nov. 18, 1825.
ii. Mary, b. May, 1774; m. June 22, 1795, Henry Viets of Becket; d. April 7, 1805.
34. iii. Benoni, b. Feb. 13, 1777.
35. iv. Samuel, b. Jan. 17, 1779; d. March 6, 1814.
36. v. Eunice, b. Dec. 27, 1780.
37. vi. Dan, b. Oct. 17, 1783; d. Dec. 20, 1866.
vii. Annis, b. March 11, 1785; m. ——— Rudd.
38. viii. Levi, b. June 15, 1786; d. Dec. 22, 1857.
ix. Elisabeth, b. April 30, 1790; m. Russel, son of Noah Loomis; d. Oct. 10, 1823.
x. Apollos, b. July 25, 1794; d. Aug. 30, 1815, aged 21.

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(Rosannah,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

ROSANNAH[3] VIETS, daughter of Captain John and Lois, born May 13, 1755, married Eleazer Rice, a soldier of the Revolution. They resided in the west part of the present town of East Granby.

Children of Rosannah and Eleazar Rice:

i. **Mary (Polly)** *Rice*, b. 1777; m. Horace Phelps at the age of fourteen; d. June 1, 1846, age 69. Children:
   1. Mary Phelps, m. Scoville. 2. Eliza Phelps, m. Barnes, son William Barnes, was insurance commissioner for the state of New York. 3. Hester Phelps, m. Clough. 4. Willis Phelps, m. Maria Bartlett, and had Henry and John. 5. Nancy Phelps, m. Stephen Hendrick. 6. Jane Phelps. 7. Almira Phelps, m. Holman, went to Oregon as missionary. 8. Horace Phelps, m. Eliza Turner, and died young, leaving children: Frances, Mary, and George. The first named, Frances Phelps, m. Dr. Dow, and resides at Reading, Mass. 9. Geo. Phelps.

ii. Lois *Rice*, m. Justus Holcomb; d. in Meadville, Penn.; children, Wesley, Henry, Julia, and Lorenzo.

iii. Rosanna *Rice*, m. Hezekiah Loomis; children, Luther, Henry, and Lorenzo Dow.

iv. Eunice *Rice*, b. Sept. 18, 1784; d. Aug. 24, 1854; m. Dec. 25, 1805, Seth Smith of West Springfield, Mass. Children:
   1. Wesley Smith. 2. Riley Smith, m. Mary Chapin. 3. Heman Smith, m. Pamelia Clark. 4. Lydia Smith, b. July 23, 1814; d. March 16, 1901; m. Sept. 5, 1838, Charles Barrows of Springfield, Mass., and had Mary Sophia, Jane Elisabeth, and Charles Henry. The last named, Lawyer Charles H. Barrows of Springfield, is one of the holders of the deed of trust of the Capt. John Viets burial place at Newgate. 5. Seth Smith, b. 1816; d. 1896; m. Serinda Nichols, and had Wesley, Rose, Marshall D., and Caroline. 6. Henry Smith.

v. Eleazar *Rice*, Jr., m. 1st, Harriet Goodrich; children: William, Riley, Harriet, and Sarah.

vi. Laura *Rice*, m. Levi Bush and had Mary Ann and Maria.

vii. Charlotte *Rice*, b. Sept. 13, 1787; m. her cousin, Capt. George Viets; d. April 21, 1862.

viii. Harriet *Rice*, m. 1st, Ormsbee, 2d, Ennis; children: Hannibal Ormsbee and Sarah Ennis.

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(Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

LIEUTENANT LUKE[3] VIETS, youngest of the ten children of Captain John and Lois, was born June 6, 1759, and died at

the old homestead, Feb. 25, 1835. His mother, after the death of her second husband, Colonel Humphrey, if not before, lived in the family of Luke at the old place.

Newgate was the state's prison until 1827, and no doubt some of the prison officials, as well as numerous comers and goers, were guests at the Luke Viets tavern.

"Kendall's Travels in the United States," in the chapter entitled Newgate, gives an unique description of the family of Luke Viets. The traveler, after fording the Farmington, and passing through a region "beautiful with the varied charms of hills, field, and pasture," approached the place from the south. He says: "On my right I saw a house of respectable figure and dimensions, wooden, and white-painted. This was the inn. On entering the door the good looks of the landlord afforded me some consolation. . . . My landlord was a plain and industrious farmer, in whom and his whole family there was realized, more than in any other instance I have met with, the picture which the imagination of so many has drawn, as that of the agricultural life in America. He was himself a grandfather, and had living with him his very aged mother. He was the father of nine children, of whom one or two were married and settled at a distance, and one or two near by. Two daughters and two or three sons were still under his roof. All the members of the family were personable and well-featured, and the two girls were beauties, one a blue-eyed blonde and the other a dark-haired brunette. I found them employed in a building detached from the house, one at the wheel, the other at the loom. They were presently in the farmyard milking the cows." The traveler adds further that he "was informed by the family that there was somewhere in the neighboring hills a black stone, by looking through which the seventh son of a seventh son born in the month of February with a caul over his head could see everything in the interior of the globe."

Luke Viets married, 1777, Keziah Phelps, daughter of Ezekiel Phelps, who lived one mile and a half south of Newgate, on the place since known as the Raynor Holcomb place. The boundary stone of Mr. Phelps' farm, it is said, may be seen on the mountain, with the initials E. P. marked on it.

RUINS OF NEWGATE.

Samuel Huntington Esquire.

Captain-General and Commander in Chief in and over the STATE of CONNECTICUT.
in AMERICA

To Luke Viets Gent GREETING.

YOU being by the General Assembly of this State accepted to be Ensign of the 8th Company of Militia in the 18th Regiment in said State

reposing special Trust and Confidence in your Fidelity, Courage, and good Conduct, I DO by Virtue of the Laws of this State, me thereunto enabling, appoint and empower you to take the said Company into your Care and Charge as their Ensign carefully and diligently to discharge that Office and Trust, exercising your inferior Officers and Soldiers in the Use of their Arms, according to the Rules and Discipline of War ordained and established by the Laws of this State, keeping them in good Order and Government, and commanding them to obey you as their Ensign and you are to observe all such Orders and Directions as from Time to Time you shall receive, either from me, or from other your superior Officer, pursuant to the Trust hereby reposed in you.

GIVEN under my Hand, and the Public Seal of this State, at New Haven the 20th Day of October A. D. 1790. Sam.l Huntington

By His Excellency's Command,
George Wyllys Secretary.

[Governor's Commission to Luke Viets, by courtesy of Carl J. Viets.]

Ezekiel Phelps served in the Revolutionary War. He brought home a cannon ball and a corkscrew. The encampment was so near the British that Ezekiel Phelps shouted to the British: "Shoot straight; shoot to kill, not maim." He was in New York Aug. 26th, and was discharged Sept. 3, 1776. Ezekiel Phelps married Elizabeth Gillett. According to Stiles' History of Windsor, he was the son of Joseph and Rebecca (North) Phelps, son of Joseph and Mary (Collins) Phelps, son of Joseph and Hannah (Newton) Phelps, son of William Phelps, who settled in Windsor in 1630. Keziah Phelps was born Nov. 12, 1757, and died Nov. 22, 1850.

Children of Luke and Keziah Viets:

i. Keziah, b. Nov. 12, 1777; m. 1st, Eli Moore, 2d, Hendrick; lived in East Hampton, Mass., under the overhanging heights of Mt. Tom.

39. ii. Rosanna, b. Dec. 4, 1778; m. Elisha Remington of Suffield, Conn.

40. iii. Luke, b. Aug. 2, 1780; d. April 30, 1821.

41. iv. John, b. March 1, 1782; d. Oct. 11, 1857.

v. Catherine, b. Nov. 22, 1783; m. ——— Fowler; d. 1813.

vi. George, b. June 23, 1786; d. April 10, 1787.

42. vii. George, b. Feb. 12, 1788; d. May 3, 1863.

43. viii. Esther, b. Jan. 22, 1790; d. Oct. 8, 1820; the blonde mentioned in Kendall's Travels.

44. ix. Roger, b. Oct. 28, 1791.

45. x. Chloe, b. May 8, 1793; d. Feb. 4, 1855; the brunette mentioned in Kendall's Travels.

FOURTH GENERATION.

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(Henry,[4] Henry,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

HENRY[4] VIETS, son of Henry and Beulah (Messenger) of Becket, Mass., and grandson of Henry and Margaret (Hoskins) of Simsbury, was born in Becket, Jan. 16, 1772. He married, first, his second cousin, Mary, daughter of Captain Abner Viets of Granby, Conn., June 22, 1795. She died April 7, 1805. Henry married, second, Charlotte Fowler of Westfield, Mass., Nov. 18, 1807. She died May 3, 1841. Henry was a highly respected farmer on the old place settled by his father in Becket. He died at the home of his daughter, Charlotte Van Wyck, at Clifton, Ill., Aug. 25, 1866, at the advanced age of ninety-four.

Children by first marriage:

46. i. Sophia, b. May 11, 1796; d. July 29, 1883.
47. ii. Abial, b. Dec. 9, 1798; d. July 10, 1884.
48. iii. Mary, b. Aug. 13, 1802; d. Oct. 23, 1888.

By second marriage:

49. iv. Henry, b. Aug. 31, 1808; d. at Oberlin, O., Feb. 28, 1894.
50. v. Charlotte, b. 1810; d. Sept. 12, 1880.
51. vi. William Atwater, b. Feb. 20, 1813.
vii. Margaret, b. Jan. 1, 1816; d. July 9, 1849; m. William Slosson; son, John Slosson.
viii. Maria, b. April 23, 1819; d. April 23, 1858.
ix. Jane, b. Sept. 2, 1821; m. Sept. 2, 1844, John Spooner, at Fishkill, N. Y.; left no children.
x. Abner Fowler, b. May 3, 1824; d. Jan. 20, 1825.

18

(Jonathan Munsell,[4] Jonathan,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

JONATHAN MUNSELL[4] VIETS, son of Jonathan and Caroline (Munsell), was born near Copper Hill, West Suffield,

Conn., Sept. 2, 1794, and died at the old homestead Oct. 12, 1843. He married Fanny Remington, born April 22, 1794, and died July 20, 1858. He was a deacon of the First Baptist Church, Suffield.

CHILDREN.

52. i. Caroline, b. April 29, 1815; d. Jan. 1, 1893.
53. ii. Henry Munsell, b. Oct. 22, 1816; d. Jan. 10, 1896.
54. iii. Ezekiel, b. March 30, 1818; d. April 21, 1897.
55. iv. Fanny, b. Sept. 11, 1821; m. Chauncey Owen.
56. v. Sarah, b. March 25, 1826; d. July 18, 1845, aged 19.
vi. Bushnell, b. June 21, 1830; d. Nov. 5, 1843.
57. vii. Mary, b. Jan. 6, 1836.

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(Achsah,[4] James,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

ACHSAH[4] VIETS, daughter of Captain James and Elizabeth (Brown), was born at Copper Hill, in Granby, June 28, 1785. She married Oliver Griffin and resided at Copper Hill, not far from the place of her birth, where she died Dec. 17, 1869. Stephen Griffin, a descendant of Lord John Griffin, first settler of Simsbury, had children: Stephen, Isaac, Timothy, Mercy, Samuel, Oliver, David, Deborah. Of these, Oliver, who married Achsah Viets, was born Feb. 12, 1788, and died Feb. 16, 1862.

CHILDREN.

i. Betsey *Griffin*, b. Sept. 27, 1813; d. Sept. 21, 1882.
ii. Imri *Griffin*, b. July 10, 1815; d. Oct. 29.
iii. Homer *Griffin*, b. in Suffield, April 21, 1822; res. at Copper Hill, in East Granby, where he died July 14, 1893; m. Nov. 16, 1843, Susan Jane Griffin, b. May 3, 1822, daughter of Aristarchus, son of Seth, a descendant of Lord John Griffin. Children:
1. Jefferson Homer Griffin, b. East Granby, June 27, 1848; m. Oct. 29, 1873, Amanda Spring, daughter of George and Mahala Spring of Granby.
Children: Genie Laura, b. Sept. 28, 1874; Bertha May, b. July 11, 1878; Birney Edward, b. May 14, 1880; Clayton Weston, b. Nov. 14, 1883; d. Sept 21, 1888; Mabel Cora, b. Dec. 26, 1890; Gladys Marion, b. April 24, 1898.

2. Flora Susan Griffin, b. East Granby, Jan. 29, 1852; m. Lewis Spring of Granby, April, 1872.
   Children: Everett Homer, b. Aug. 8, 1876; Francis Lewis, b. Nov. 26, 1879; Susan Mahala, b. March 20, 1885; Edna Grace, b. Sept. 30, 1887; Edward Raymond, b. Aug. 31, 1890.
3. Martin Wilson Griffin, b. East Granby, March 8, 1854; graduate of Wesleyan University; teacher twelve years at Portland, Conn., and now in New Haven; m. June 30, 1880, Mary Minerva Richardson, daughter of Lemuel and Martha Richardson of Barkhamsted. Daughter: Ethel Martha, b. Jan. 24, 1890, and d. July 16, 1890.
4. Martha Belle Griffin, b. Nov. 20, 1861; d. Dec. 8, 1864.
5. Burton Lemuel Griffin, b. East Granby, June 25, 1866; m. Oct. 20, 1891, Bertha Louise Beman, daughter of George T. and Ruth Beman. Daughter: Ruth Marjorie, b. Jan. 20, 1897.

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(Festus,[4] James,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

FESTUS[4] VIETS, son of Captain James and Elisabeth (Brown), was born at Copper Hill, Granby, June 12, 1790, and lived at the old place until his death, Sept. 24, 1874. He was a man of worthy qualities and a good farmer, keeping everything in order. He married, Oct. 1, 1823, Maria, daughter of Ebenezer Hatheway of Suffield. She was born June 24, 1802, and died Sept. 27, 1860.

CHILDREN.

58. i. James Hatheway, b. Aug. 21, 1824.
59. ii. Harriet Maria, b. Sept. 3, 1826.
60. iii. Candace Eliza, b. Aug. 2, 1828.
61. iv. Philo Horace, b. Aug. 12, 1830.
    v. Adaline Jael, b. Dec. 13, 1832; d. March 23, 1839.
62. vi. Lamira Jane, b. Jan. 27, 1835.
    vii. Daniel Benjamin, b. March 19, 1838; d. March 2, 1839.
    viii. Annis Susan, b. Jan. 28, 1840; d. Sept. 26, 1842.
63. ix. William Dixon, b. May 17, 1842.
64. x. Jason Rushmore, b. Jan. 17, 1846.

21

(Hezekiah Phelps,[4] John,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

HEZEKIAH PHELPS[4] VIETS, son of John Viets, Jr., and Elizabeth, daughter of Hezekiah Phelps, was born at Hop Meadow, Simsbury, Dec. 24, 1759. The father died when Hezekiah P. was not quite six years of age. The mother soon after married Amasa Case, and the children probably went with her to her new home, although it is possible that the older ones may have been taken to the home of their grandmother, Deborah Phelps. April 24, 1781, Hezekiah P. Viets and his brother John appeared before the Simsbury Probate Court as heirs of John Viets, Jr., and the court appointed administrators to distribute land belonging to them in Salmon Brook. He did service in the War for Independence with his father's cousin, Jonathan Viets, in the Sixth Brigade, Eighteenth Regiment, made up in Simsbury and vicinity, under Captain Job Case and Colonel Phelps.

Of the family of Hezekiah Phelps Viets nothing is known with certainty. Hezekiah Viets, an errand boy in Philadelphia about 1790, may have been a son. There was also a Truman Viets living in Clarion county, Pennsylvania, early in the last century who named his son Hezekiah Phelps. This almost convinces one that Truman was a son of Hezekiah Phelps Viets and gave his boy the name of his father. (See Appendix, families A and B.)

22

(John,[4] John,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

JOHN[4] VIETS, son of John and Elisabeth (Phelps), and brother of Hezekiah Phelps Viets, was born in Simsbury about 1764, and was about one year of age at the time of his father's death. His birth is not recorded on the town records with those of the three older children. He is mentioned, however, in his father's will found at the Halls of Record, Hartford, signed Jan. 11, 1765, as follows: "I give to my beloved sons Hezekiah Phelps Viets and John Viets the sum of £120 each." His name again appears on the probate rec-

ord with that of his brother Hezekiah P. as one of the heirs of John Viets, Jr.

John Viets settled in Westfield, Mass., as a farmer. Near by was a good neighbor by the name of Harrison. Mr. Viets and Mr. Harrison used to invite each other to dine, each urging that his bread was the best. John Viets married Lois Phelps of Simsbury. Thus grandfather and grandson of the same name married wives of the same name. The town records mention a Lois, daughter of Ebenezer and Susanna Phelps, born in Simsbury about 1770. This is probably the Lois who became the wife of John Viets of Westfield.

Mr. Viets removed with his family about 1800 to Rome, N. Y., where he died. The widow, Lois, soon returned with the children to Westfield, Mass., where she died in 1847.

CHILDREN.

i. Betsey.
65. ii. Letia, b. at Westfield, Mass., 1796; d. 1857.
iii. Lois.
iv. Harvey, died about 1847, or soon after that date, leaving, as it is thought, no family.

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(Roger Moore,[4] Roger,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

REV. ROGER MOORE[4] VIETS, son of Rev. Roger and Hester (Botsford), was born at Scotland, in Simsbury, Conn., Nov. 29, 1784. The sponsors at his baptism were Captain Roger Moore, Alexander Viets Griswold, and Eunice Griswold. He was about two years of age when his parents and their family removed to Digby, Nova Scotia. He was educated for the ministry. In 1809 he was at St. Johns, N. B., where he was assistant clergyman, and had charge of a grammar school. He succeeded his father as rector at Digby. On his stone in the cemetery at Digby is the following epitaph:

> "Sacred to the memory of Rev. Roger Moore Viets, who died 26 June, 1839, Ae. 54 years, having been for 25 years rector of this parish."

Roger Moore Viets married Eliza Knutton of St. Johns. She died March 17, 1862.

CHILDREN.

66. i. John Knutton, b. 1809; d. 1868.
67. ii. Botsford, b. July 4, 1810; d. 1897.
iii. Margaret, m. Nov. 19, 1833, Stephen Henry Synnott of St. Johns, N. B.; children: Rev. Stephen Henry Synnott of Troy, N. Y.; Eliza, m. Henry Scott, res. at Cooperstown, N. Y. Mrs. Scott had two sons and a daug. Edith, who m. Dr. Johnston, Staten Island, N. Y.
68. iv. Louisa, b. about 1813.
v. Catherine, b. July 16, 1815.
vi. Eliza, b. 1816; d. aged 63; m. Wm. F. Bonnell. Children:
1. Katharine Viets Bonnell, m. Edward S. Fowler; d. at Brooklyn, N. Y., April 17, 1901.
2. Mrs. Stephen T. Burroughs, Long Hill, Conn.
69. vii. Caroline, b. 1818.
viii. George Augustus, b. 1819; d. 1839, divinity student at Kings College, N. S.

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(Mary,[4] Roger,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

MARY[4] VIETS, daughter of Rev. Roger and Hester, born Feb. 9, 1792, died July 16, 1868. She married Jacob Dakin, son of Thomas Dakin. Jacob was born Aug. 17, 1786, at Digby, N. S., and died there Nov. 5, 1873.

CHILDREN.

i. Orlando Viets *Dakin*, b. May 19, 1812; m. Mary E. Bruce. Children:
1. Frederick Bruce Dakin.
2. Celia Viets Dakin, a novelist of distinction, m. Samuel Jamison, res. New Orleans.
3. Annie E. Dakin, m. Robinson of Nahant, Mass., daughter, Lilian Viets Robinson.
4. John Viets Dakin, m. Mary Ellen Taylor, and had: Francis John Viets, attorney at law, Boston, Mass.; Annie C.; William Taylor; Mary Ellen; Frederick A.
ii. Eliza *Dakin*, b. Feb. 22, 1815.
iii. Jane Ann *Dakin*, b. Feb. 27, 1818.
iv. Maria *Dakin*, b. April 2, 1820.
v. Margaret K. *Dakin*, b. Dec. 27, 1822.
vi. Botsford W. *Dakin*, b. June 20, 1825.
vii. Emily *Dakin*, b. Nov. 18, 1826.
viii. Gilbert Watson *Dakin*, b. Nov. 12, 1829.
ix. Henry Walker *Dakin*, b. June 11, 1832.
x. Robert Augustus *Dakin*, b. Sept. 27, 1836.

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(Ruth,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

RUTH[4] VIETS, daughter of Seth and Ruth (Smith), born in East Granby, was baptized by her uncle, Roger Viets, Sept. 26, 1770. She married Jonathan Palmer, and died in 1840.

CHILDREN.

i. Betsey *Palmer*, d.
ii. Chauncey *Palmer*, d.
iii. James *Palmer*, res. Attica, N. Y.
iv. Carlisle *Palmer*, b. about 1812; m. Rose Ann, dau. of Jesse Viets.
v. Caroline *Palmer*, m. P. W. Grant, Nov. 14, 1846; had: Sidney A. and Charles P. Grant.

26

(Seth,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

SETH[4] VIETS, son of Seth and Ruth (Smith), was born at Turkey Hills, Simsbury, now East Granby, in 1772, and baptized by his uncle, Roger Viets, Dec. 20th of that year. He married, Feb. 19, 1799, Eunice, daughter of Josiah Dewey of Canterbury, Conn., at Feeding Hills, Mass., then a part of Westfield, where both the Viets and Dewey families were living. He succeeded to the old homestead of his father at Pawlet, Vt., where he died in 1847, aged 75, and his wife in 1859, aged 80.

Children of Seth and Eunice (Dewey) Viets:

70. i. Seth, b. about 1800; d. Oct. 2, 1860.
ii. Harvey, removed from Vermont to Michigan in 1853, when his family consisted of a wife and one child; his wife dying, he married again; one of his wives was Emeline Brown, daughter of Seeley Brown; is said to have lived at Plainville, Mich.; family cannot be traced.
71. iii. Mary, b. about 1808; d. , 1893.
72. iv. Isabel, b. about 1810; d. about 1880.
v. Eunice, b. about 1812; d. about 1880, unmarried.
73. vi. Henry, b. 1814; d. 1877.

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(Simeon Smith,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

SIMEON SMITH[4] VIETS, son of Seth and Ruth (Smith), was baptized by his uncle, Roger Viets, March 19, 1775, and named for his grandfather, Simeon Smith of Suffield. He was born, probably, in East Granby, and died in Suffield, Conn., where he spent a considerable portion of his life. He introduced into Suffield the manufacture of cigars, which became an important industry in the town. The following is from the pen of Hezekiah S. Sheldon, in the "Memorial History of Hartford County": "The year 1810 marked an important era in the town's history. Cigars were seldom seen here before 1800. These were imported from the West Indies. A foreigner, Spaniard or Cuban, of intemperate habits — a cigarmaker by trade, and a tramp — drifted to West Suffield, and in some way made the acquaintance of Simeon Viets, who was a man of enterprise and a Connecticut Yankee. The result was that Viets bought a little Spanish tobacco, gave the man a job, and began the manufacture of genuine Spanish cigars, the first industry of the kind in the Connecticut Valley, if not in New England. Girls were taken as apprentices, and instructed by the Cuban in the art of making a Principe cigar. This was made four and a half inches in length, with a kink head. To make the kink was such an accomplishment that when it was mastered the trade was acquired. Mrs. Clarissa Rose, née King, and Mrs. Sally Olds, née Ingraham, were the first two learners, and were not out of practice fifty years later. Viets employed many women and girls in making cigars, and sold them to peddlers to distribute over the country. James Loomis was the first peddler to carry Connecticut cigars into the state of New York. Viets failed in 1821. His home and shop (a cellar kitchen) were in the North School District, now Irish Row. The buildings have all disappeared. In 1836 Simeon Viets died in poverty."

He married, first, ————; second, Widow Warner.

Children of Simeon Smith Viets:

74. i. Sophia, b. Aug. 10, 1800; d. Oakland, Cal., Jan. 25, 1884.
ii. Simeon, Jr., b. , 1802; d. at Granby, Conn., in 1847; m. Betsey Holcomb.
75. iii. Jane, b. , 1804; m. Orlin Dibble.
iv. Nancy, b. , 1807; d. 1878; m. Rev. James H. Merry, and had: Leander, Harry, Edward, Henry, and Emma; res. Fond du Lac, Wis.
v. Louisa, b. , 1809; d. at East Hampton, Mass.

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(Jesse,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

Rev. Jesse[4] Viets, son of Seth and Ruth (Smith), was born at Turkey Hills (now East Granby), February, 1781. He was living at Westfield, Mass., when about twenty years of age, where he became interested in religion, and associated with the M. E. Church, of which he was afterwards an efficient preacher. He probably removed with his father's family to Pawlet, Vt. He was a minister of the M. E. Church, first in Vermont, and later in Ohio, his ministry covering a period of forty years, during twenty-one of which he was an ordained elder. There is a family tradition that while the battle of Plattsburg was going on, which took place Sept. 11, 1814, on the New York side of Lake Champlain, Rev. Jesse was preaching, and within hearing of the battle. He was located for a time at St. Albans, Vt., and was the only minister in that region at the time, and consequently was called upon to officiate at a great number of weddings and funerals. From St. Albans Mr. Viets moved westward with the tide of enterprising frontiersmen who settled the rich lands of Ohio, where he settled at Amboy in 1823. It is said that when he and his family decided to leave their old home and many tried and true friends there was great sorrow among all the people, and when the time of their departure was announced, everybody came from far and near to bid them farewell and Godspeed on their long and tedious journey. With all their earthly possessions in one wagon, and with one span of

horses, they finally arrived in Amboy, Ashtabula county, O., and, it is needless to add, were all homesick, the mother in particular. But success finally crowned their efforts, and their last days proved to be their best. Mr. Viets organized the M. E. Church at Amboy, was its first pastor, and was a successful preacher in eastern Ohio for nearly twenty years. The end of his life did not come upon him as a thief. His house was in order. As a Christian he was a pattern of piety, his life being a practical comment upon the gospel of Christ.

Jesse Viets married Dolly Ann Saxton, a woman spoken of as possessing many Christian virtues. Both Mr. Viets and his companion departed this life the same year, 1842.

CHILDREN.

i. Jesse, Jr., d. in youth.
76. ii. Rodney, b. 1806; d. 1887.
77. iii. Rollin, b. June , 1808; d. April, 1848.
78. iv. Dolly Ann, b. Feb., 1811; d. 1882.
79. v. Mary Ann, b. 1813; d. 1887.
80. vi. Rose Ann (Nancy R.), b. 1816; d. 1893.
81. vii. Eunice M., b. 1819.

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(Roswell,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

ROSWELL[4] VIETS, son of Seth and Ruth (Smith), was born Dec. 30, 1784, probably in East Granby; may have lived for a time at Westfield, Mass., and at Pawlet, Vt.; resided and carried on business for some years at East Hartford, and later at East Windsor, Conn.; removed in June, 1820, to Amboy, O., and died Feb. 28, 1864, at Conneaut, O. He married, Sept. 27, 1814, Arabella Granger; she died May 27, 1824, aged 31.

CHILDREN.

82. i. Franklin, b. at East Hartford Jan. 1, 1816.
83. ii. Barzillia Granger, b. at East Windsor, Feb. 5, 1818; d. June 14, 1885.
84. iii. Fidelia, b. Feb. 28, 1820; at West Springfield, Mass.
85. iv. Charlotte, b. March 20, 1822; d. Sept. 21, 1859.

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(Zopher,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

ZOPHER[4] VIETS, son of Seth and Ruth (Smith), was born Jan. 30, 1790, in New England, and died Sept. 4, 1860, at Williamsfield, O., where he went in 1834. He married, May 11, 1814, Tacy Hillyer, in East Granby, Conn., where he was then living. She died at Conneaut, O., Nov. 20, 1868. His education, common school; occupation, farming; church, Congregational.

CHILDREN.

i. Julia A., b. East Granby, Conn., Jan. 13, 1815; m. in 1838, King Pier, and moved to Indiana; d. April 24, 1843.
86. ii. Armenus E., b. East Granby, June 18, 1817; d. Aug. 28, 1881.
87. iii. Emeline A., b. Nov. 27, 1819; d. June 29, 1881.
iv. Daughter, b. Jan. 7, 1821; d. in infancy.
88. v. Zopher H., b. April 16, 1823.
89. vi. Lois A., b. Oct. 28, 1825; d. April 23, 1857.
90. vii. Hiram A., b. Jan. 19, 1828.
91. viii. Mary J., b. at East Granby, June 2, 1830; d. Conneaut, O., Dec. 29, 1890.
92. ix. Martha M., b. at Andover, O., May 25, 1834.
93. x. Shalor N., b. Williamsfield, O., Jan. 4, 1837.
94. xi. Gaylor G., b. Aug. 24, 1840.

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(Julia,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

JULIA[4] VIETS, daughter of Seth and Ruth (Smith), born in 1794, died at Conneaut, O., May 14, 1842. She married Paschal Winthrop Grant of East Windsor, Conn. He was a son of Roswell Grant, was born in 1793, and died at Conneaut, O., Nov. 2, 1869. They removed from Connecticut to Ohio in the autumn of 1832.

CHILDREN.

i. Edward *Grant*, b. in East Windsor, Conn., May 14, 1821; m. Mary C. Keyes; resided at Conneaut, O.; drowned on Lake Erie, owing to the explosion of a steam boiler, March, 1850. Daughters: Julia E. and Agnes Grant.
ii. Henry *Grant*, b. East Windsor, Feb. 10, 1830; m. Mary Jane, daughter of Zopher Viets; res. Conneaut, O.

iii. Paschal Winthrop *Grant*, Jr., b. July 10, 1832; m. at Conneaut, O., January, 1858, Maria Porter Woodruff; d. January, 1860.

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(Sarah,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

SARAH[4] VIETS, daughter of Seth and Ruth (Smith), was born at Westfield, Mass., July 16, 1798; when thirteen years of age attended her brother Roswell from her father's home in Pawlet, Vt., to East Hartford, Conn., where she assisted in a manufacturing business carried on by Roswell Viets and his sister, Mrs. Moody. She married, at West Springfield, Mass., Daniel Brewer of East Hartford, Conn., Feb. 25, 1819, and died Oct. 4, 1883.

CHILDREN.

i. Arthur E. *Brewer*, b. Nov. 19, 1819; resided at Munson, Mass., and later at Staffordville, Conn.

ii. Hansey S. *Brewer*, b. March 10, 1822; m. Wm. Jones, Hockanum, Conn., where she resides. Children: Edward, d. ; Geo. S., res. Hockanum.

iii. Charlotte *Brewer*, b. Dec. 12, 1823; m. E. Howlett, East Hartford, Conn.

iv. Caroline *Brewer*, b. May 23, 1826; m. Wm. S. Avery, Willimantic, Conn.

v. Edgar *Brewer*, b. June 17, 1830; m. Ellen King of Hartford. Children:

1. Cassius K., m. Nellie E. Dibble, and had Harold E., Louis D., and Merrill King.
2. Helen E., d.
3. Robert H., d.
4. R. Montgomery, res. Hockanum, Conn.

vi. Hamlet *Brewer*, b. Oct. 15, 1832; d. June 17, 1870; m. Ellen Vibberts.

vii. Julia *Brewer*, b. April 13, 1835; m. Cyrus Knight of Hartford.

viii. Roswell Henry *Brewer*, b. May 30, 1837; d. 1839.

ix. Roswell Viets *Brewer*, b. Aug. 18, 1839; d. age 26.

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(Abner,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

ABNER VIETS,[4] JR., son of Captain Abner and Mary, was born in East Granby, June 29, 1772. He married Sarah

Booth, born in 1773. They lived and raised a family in a house, now gone, which stood a little east of the old homestead of his father, on the north side of the highway, and also, for a time, on the farm of his grandfather on the mother's side, near Newgate.

An incident touching the family life of Abner and Sarah has been handed down which is worthy of relating, as it indicates acumen and sense of humor in the one, and pluck in the other. Abner's wife was sick and not expected to live. A clever girl, Abiah Phelps, was helping and taking care of the children. Abner was sitting near the sick bed, when his wife said to him: "Abner, what are you going to do when I am gone? You will be getting married again, I suppose." Abner, after a moment of quiet, replied: "I don't know. Abiah, here, is a good hand to take care of children." Thereupon, Sarah sprang up in bed, and, with great determination, said: "Abiah Phelps shall never take care of my children;" immediately dressed herself and went about the housework.

The family of Abner Viets, Jr., removed, about 1825, to Fowler, Trumbull county, O. Mr. Viets died Nov. 18, 1825; his wife, surviving him nearly twelve years, died May 26, 1837, and was buried at Fowler, O.

Children of Abner, Jr., and Sarah Viets:

95. i. Sarah, b. Granby, Conn., March 7, 1794; d. July 9, 1867.
96. ii. Rebecca, b. Sept. 4, 1796; d. June 25, 1871.
97. iii. Mary (Polly), b. Feb. 25, 1798; d. July 3, 1876.
98. iv. Angeline, b. May 4, 1800; d. Sept. 9, 1857.
99. v. Byron, b. Jan. 25, 1802; d. April 28, 1869.
100. vi. Drayton, b. June 13, 1804; d. June 19, 1868.
vii. Carlos, is said to have been a soldier in the Mexican War, and to have died near New Orleans.
101. viii. Oliver (Dr.), died, it is said, in New York city about 1865.
102. ix. Lathrop A., b. Dec. 2, 1816; d. July 16, 1883.

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(Benoni,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

BENONI[4] VIETS, born Feb. 13, 1777, married Esther, daughter of Gad Dewey, born at Westfield, Mass., May 6, 1780. They lived for a time near the home of his father,

Captain Abner Viets, and also occupied for a time the farm of his grandfather on the mother's side, just south of Newgate; the house is now gone. His wife died May, 1829.

CHILDREN.

i. Lester, b. about 1800; d. aged 3 years.
ii. Diadama, b. about 1801; m., March 23, 1826, Alonzo Edwards; went West. Son: Frank Edwards.
iii. Eliza, m. Oct. 15, 1826, Nelson Felch, a steelyard maker, of Mansfield, Conn., and later of New Harmony, Ind.
iv. Julia, m. Justus P. Gillett of West Hartford, Conn.; a daughter, Martha, m. Benj. W. Edwards of Hartford.
v. Lester D., b. 1809; d. 1821.
vi. Ratus, b. 1809; d. 1821.
vii. Rudd, b. about 1810; was a trading man; went to New Harmony, Ind.; was in the clock business, belonged to the firm of Viets & Thrall; was a good story teller; m. ——— Dunham of Mansfield; no children.
103. viii. Hobart Benoni.
ix. Edwin Alonzo, went West; had two children; no response.

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(Samuel,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

SAMUEL[4] VIETS, son of Captain Abner, was born Jan. 17, 1779, and died suddenly, March 6, 1814, aged 35. He resided for a time on his grandfather's place just south of Newgate, near the Peak, afterwards occupied by his brother Benoni. Samuel Viets married Susan Pratt, sister of Willis Pratt, a prominent dry goods merchant of New York, whose mother was a daughter of Haynes Woodbridge and Elizabeth (Griswold), the latter being a daughter of Hon. Samuel Griswold of Poquonock. Haynes Woodbridge was a descendant of Governor Haynes of Connecticut, also of Governor Dudley of Massachusetts. Samuel Griswold was descended from Hon. Henry Wolcott, founder of the Wolcott family of Connecticut.

CHILDREN.

104. i. Seymour Samuel, b. May 16, 1800; d. 1886.
ii. Miles, b.
iii. William Pratt, b. ; was in Trinity College, Hartford, for a time; d. in Pennsylvania.
105. iv. Susan Jane, b. July 30, 1814; d. Oct. 13, 1888.

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(Eunice,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

EUNICE[4] VIETS, daughter of Captain Abner, born Dec. 28, 1780, married, Dec. 6, 1802, Enoch Kellogg of Southwick, Mass., and lived to old age.

CHILDREN.

i. Enoch Viets *Kellogg*, b. Feb. 19, 1804; was a prominent man at Fowler, Trumbull county, Ohio.
ii. Annis *Kellogg*, b. March 2, 1806.
iii. Eunice *Kellogg*, b. Oct. 11, 1808.
iv. Mary *Kellogg*, b. Dec. 22, 1811.
v. Lavinia *Kellogg*, b. Feb. 24, 1814; m. her cousin, Lothrop A. Viets, of Fowler, O.
vi. Samuel *Kellogg*, b. Aug. 23, 1816.
vii. Hiram *Kellogg*, b. Dec. 9, 1819; the only one of the family now (1900) living; res. Southwick, Mass.

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(Dan,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

DAN[4] VIETS, son of Captain Abner, was born at the old homestead Oct. 17, 1783. He contemplated doing active service in the war of 1812, but on account of poor health was disappointed. When twenty-eight years of age he married and built on the south side of the highway, nearly opposite his father's place, where he lived for about fifty-five years. In addition to being a farmer he was a stonecutter. The step-stones of his own house, as well as those of many houses in East Granby, are still a memorial of his work. He was a man of medium stature, full, dark eyes, dark hair, and a complexion inclined to be florid. He was social and friendly with people generally. He was called Deacon Dan, although he never bore the office of deacon in any church. He was a lay member and vestryman of the Episcopal Church at Salmon Brook. He partook of the communion with his wife at the Baptist Church in Tariffville, of which she was a member, and she in turn communed with him at the Episcopal Church. He was somewhat public-spirited; for the sake of convenience to himself and others he built by contract, at a low figure, the highway from Granby to East Granby.

Dan Viets married, Jan. 1, 1812, Beulah, daughter of Deacon Judah Phelps (and Abigail Bishop) of Suffield, and sister of the late Captain Apollos Phelps. Deacon Judah Phelps was in the Revolutionary War, in Colonel Josiah Spencer's regiment. Judah[6] Phelps was son of Elijah[5] (and Esther Kent) of Turkey Hills, son of Joseph[4] (and Rebecca North), son of Joseph,[3] son of Joseph,[2] son of Mr. William[1] Phelps from Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, England. Beulah was born Feb. 21, 1790. She was a woman of energy, working marvels at the spinning-wheel and the loom.

Dan Viets died December, 1866; Beulah, Feb. 6, 1862.

CHILDREN.

106. i. Mary A. Louisa, b. Feb. 15, 1813; d. July 14, 1890.
ii. Annis Samantha, b. Feb. 3, 1815; m. Nov. 21, 1834, Aralza Griffin; res. West Suffield; d. Dec. 13, 1885; was the first of the family of nine to pass away, and the only one to leave no children.
107. iii. Julia Ann, b. Aug. 17, 1816; d. May 26, 1897.
108. iv. Harriet Newell, b. Jan. 1, 1818; d.
109. v. Apollos Phelps, b. Sept. 20, 1819.
110. vi. Judah Dryden, b. Feb. 2, 1823.
111. vii. Dan Alexander, b. Nov. 11, 1824.
112. viii. Joseph Franklin, b. Feb. 6, 1827.
113. ix. Benjamin Erskine, b. June 12, 1828.

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(Levi,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

LEVI[4] VIETS, born in Granby, June 15, 1786, passed his life at the old homestead, which he received from his father, Captain Abner. Levi was a man of energy and sagacity, cultivated a large farm, was prudent and saving, both of time and money, never wasting an hour. He married, Feb. 15, 1825, Sarah, daughter of Deacon Benjamin Dibble of Granby, a woman of marked ability, industry, and economy. In her girlhood she attended the academy at Salmon Brook and mastered Lindley Murray's grammar. She learned the tailor's trade, or art of cutting garments by measure. She was as much the head of the family as her husband, and was consulted by him in important matters. It is said that there was never a cross word between her and her husband. A

great calamity befell the family in 1840, when she became insane, her two sons being at the time thirteen and ten years of age.

Sarah Dibble was born April 10, 1792. Her mother, the fourth wife of Deacon Benjamin Dibble, was of a family of the name Fuller, from Lyme, Conn. The family moved to Ft. Edward, above Troy, on the Hudson, and lived on the river bank. Here, in July, 1777, they had taken land, built, and cleared the fields when General Burgoyne came down from the north with his army, followed by a plundering crew of Indians, driving the American army before them. Mr. Fuller was ordered, as a means of safety, to abandon his farm and take his family and stock down the river. He remarked to his wife that he had a sow and pigs in a hollow log back of the house and would go and drive them in, as they might be useful for the army. Soon after he left the house, three Indians came in. Mrs. Fuller told them to leave the place, as the American army was near by. They went out, but had been gone only a short time when the report of a gun was heard. Her husband not returning, Mrs. Fuller went to look and found him shot, scalped, and tomahawked. He soon died. Mrs. Fuller and the children, two or three in number, were put on board a scow and sent down the river to Albany, never returning to the frontier. Mrs. Benjamin Dibble, mother of Sarah, was one of these children and about twelve years of age at the time of the massacre of her father.

Elizabeth Fuller was born March 10, 1765, and died October, 1838. Benjamin Dibble was born May 7, 1723, and died Dec. 5, 1810. Levi Viets died Dec. 22, 1857; his wife, Sarah, Sept. 15, 1852.

CHILDREN.

114. i. Levi Clinton, b. Jan. 17, 1827.

ii. Richard Benjamin, b. April 23, 1830; d. July 24, 1863; was a young man of excellent character and principle; was a communicant of the Episcopal Church in Tariffville; when about 12 years of age he decided of his own accord to drink no more cider, a too prevalent habit among farmers of that day; and neither he nor his brother, Clinton, ever drank cider thereafter.

CAPT. JOHN VIETS, SON OF LUKE.

ABIGAIL ENO.

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(Rosanna,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

ROSANNA[4] VIETS, born Dec. 4, 1778, married Elisha Remington of Suffield.

CHILDREN.

i. Eliza *Remington*, m. Jabez Hendrick and had: Eliza A., m. Aden Palmer; Esther H., m. Oliver W. Lathrop, Springfield, Mass.; Edward M., m. Alvira Noble, Westfield; Pearson M., m. Emma Carver; Rhoda M.; Joel H., m. Lucy A. Munger, res. Springfield; Chauncey E., d. in the war.

ii. John *Remington*.

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(Luke,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

LUKE[4] VIETS, JR., born at the old homestead near Newgate, Aug. 2, 1780, died at his home not far distant, April 30, 1821, aged 40. He married, June 4, 1798, Abigail Phelps, daughter of Judah Phelps of Suffield, said to have been a lady of remarkable beauty. She was born May 27, 1781, and died May 16, 1831.

CHILDREN.

115. i. Gervase, b. Feb. 4, 1800; d. March 15, 1839.
116. ii. Nancy Ann, b. July 3, 1801; d.
iii. Charles, b. March 12, 1803; d. March 1, 1838, unmarried.
iv. Catherine, b. Aug. 14, 1805; d. Jan. 9, 1818.
v. Orlando, b. Aug. 5, 1807; d. July, 1809.
117. vi. Henry W., b. Sept. 2, 1809; d. Aug. 2, 1840.
118. vii. Abigail, b. Aug. 6, 1811; d. March 9, 1835.
119. viii. Ansel, b. March 27, 1814; d.
120. ix. Jane, b. May 9, 1816; d. (Feb. 21, 1889).
121. x. Emeline C., b. Feb. 2, 1818; d.
122. xi. Amoret E., b. May 31, 1821.

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(John,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

CAPTAIN JOHN[4] VIETS, son of Luke, and grandson of Captain John, was born March 1, 1782. He was captain of a training band, read much, and was well posted in law and the practical affairs of the day, and was an industrious and

successful farmer. He settled at the age of twenty-five on the farm a mile south of Newgate, afterwards for many years in possession of his son Chauncey E., and now owned by George E. Bidwell. He purchased and occupied during the latter part of his life the Orson Phelps place in East Granby. He is said to have been a man of medium stature, and of dark eyes and hair.

John Viets married, Oct. 2, 1805, Abigail Eno, daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Hart) Eno of Simsbury, where she was born Feb. 28, 1785. Jonathan Eno was a descendant of James Eno, one of the early settlers of Windsor. Mary Hart, his wife, was a descendant of Deacon Stephen Hart, who settled at Cambridge, 1630, and later at Hartford, Conn.

John Viets died Oct. 11, 1857; his wife, Dec. 20, 1863.

CHILDREN.

123. i. John Jay, b. Sept. 22, 1806; d. Dec. 10, 1885.
124. ii. Imlay Bird, b. Dec. 19, 1808; d. Oct. 19, 1875.
125. iii. Abi Lavinia, b. April 20, 1810; d. Cleveland, O., Aug. 26, 1884.
iv. Chauncey Eno, b. Oct. 3, 1812; d. July, 1876; m. 1st, Esther Denison of Suffield, 2d, Nancy Noone of Chester, Mass.; no children; he was a farmer and trading man, occupied his father's old place west of the mountain, where he made extensive improvements.
126. v. Mary Adelia, b. Feb. 19, 1819.
127. vi. James Rollin, b. Sept. 20, 1821; d. July 14, 1896.

42

(George,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

CAPTAIN GEORGE[4] VIETS, born Feb. 12, 1788, was captain of a training band, a thrifty farmer, and carried on an extensive business in gravestones. He built the stone house occupied for many years by his son George Watson; was a promoter of good roads; lived in East Granby, and during the latter part of his life, in partial retirement, at Windsor Locks, where he died May 3, 1864.

George Viets married, Feb. 16, 1809, Charlotte Rice, daughter of Eleazer and Rosannah (Viets) Rice. She was born Sept. 13, 1787, and died April 21, 1862.

CHILDREN.

128. i. George Watson, b. Dec. 2, 1809; d. Dec. 1, 1864.
ii. Charlotte, b. Sept. 20, 1811; d. Nov. 18, 1811.
129. iii. Allen, b. March 24, 1813; d. Sept. 5, 1848.
130. iv. Esther K., b. June 18, 1816; d. Feb. 8, 1891.

43

(Esther,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

ESTHER[4] VIETS, born Jan. 22, 1790, married Pliny Owen, and died Oct. 8, 1820. Esther and her sister Chloe are probably the two daughters of Luke Viets mentioned in Kendall's Travels.

Children of Pliny and Esther (Viets) Owen:

i. Fanny C. *Owen*, b. March 1, 1810; d. at East Granby, Conn., Oct. 1, 1824.
ii. Milo Milton *Owen*, b. Aug. 3, 1811; d. at Suffield, Conn., Aug. 12, 1886; m. Martha Alderman, June 12, 1839. Children:
1. Emily Kibbee Owen, b. Aug. 29, 1841; d. at Suffield Sept. 3, 1859.
2. Alena Frances Owen, b. Jan. 10, 1858; resides in Suffield.
iii. Esther Louise *Owen*, b. March 22, 1815; d. at Painesville, Ohio, Dec. 24, 1882; m. July 7, 1834, Levi C. Brown, M.D., who died at Painesville, Aug., 1882. Children:
1. Ellen Josephine Brown, b. April 26, 1836; m. Oct. 15, 1856, Emerson S. Seymour, who died April 1, 1877. Children:
(*a*) Georgia Louise Seymour, b. Dec. 8, 1857; m. July 6, 1882, John Hubbard.
(*b*) Leora Brown Seymour, b. Feb. 14, 1863; m. Dec. 6, 1887, Francis Hilliard Pierson. Son: Seymour Hilliard Pierson, b. Dec. 17, 1889.
(*c*) Clark Sedgwick Seymour, b. Feb. 15, 1870; d. April 15, 1873.
2. Leora Caroline Brown, b. May 15, 1840; m. June 26, 1867, Hector Sears, Painesville, O. Son: Charles Brown Sears, b. Oct. 16, 1870; m. Oct., 1896, Florence A. Gilbert.
3. Charles Owen Brown, b. July 16, 1844; d. Jan. 23, 1865.

4. Frank Dwight Brown, b. Jan. 19, 1848; m. Jan. 16, 1875, Ella Woodworth, who died July 20, 1883. Children:
   (a) Mabel Ella Brown, b. Dec. 1, 1875, m. Jan. 21, 1895, Dr. George A. Roberts.
   (b) Ella May Brown, b. June 28, 1883.

iv. Emily Parinthia *Owen*, b. June 22, 1816; d. Oct. 15, 1894, at Parkersburg, W. Va.; m. Oct. 16, 1838, at Farmington, O., Austin Durkee Kibbee, who was b. Jan. 6, 1806, and d. May 3, 1882. Children:

1. Caroline Esther Kibbee, b. May 23, 1842, at Warren, O., and d. April 23, 1872, at Des Moines, Iowa; m. June 23, 1863, at W. Farmington, Ohio, Halbert B. Case. Children:
   (a) Halbert Austin Case, b. at Youngstown, O., April 1, 1865, and d. at Des Moines, Iowa, April 28, 1872.
   (b) Frank Luther Case, b. Dec. 10, 1866; m. Dec. 7, 1893, Minnie L. Magee, Chattanooga, Tenn. She died in 1896, leaving a son: Francis Owen Case, b. at Chattanooga, Dec. 9, 1894.
   (c) Edward Anderson Case, b. Dec. 28, 1870, at Des Moines, Iowa; d. April 25, 1872.
2. Emily Owen Kibbee, b. Nov. 7, 1843; m. at W. Farmington, O., June 20, 1865, Charles W. Archbold. Children:
   (a) William Kibbee Archbold, b. at W. Farmington, O., June 5, 1866; m. at Titusville, Penn., May 10, 1893, Helen Cornell, and had: Elizabeth Cornell and Carolyn Dana Archbold, b. at Brookline, Mass., May 25, 1896, Wm. Cornell Archbold, b. at Roseville, N. J., March 7, 1898, and Helen Archbold, b. at Buffalo, N. Y., June 20, 1900.
   (b) Emma Frances Archbold, b. May 17, 1868; m. June 20, 1888, Walter S. Speece, Titusville, Penn. Children: Charles Archbold Speece, b. Jan. 28, 1892; d. at Parkersburg, W. Va., in 1899, and Dorothy Speece, b. July 9, 1893.
   (c) Caroline Louise Archbold, b. at Titusville, Pa., Aug. 18, 1874; m. at Parkersburg, W. Va., Oct. 25, 1900, John Warren Inslee.

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(Roger,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

DR. ROGER[4] VIETS, son of Luke, born in East Granby, Oct. 28, 1791, studied medicine and was for some years a practicing physician at Albany, N. Y., where he is said to have married. He removed to Lewistown, Fulton county, Ill. His family cannot be traced fully, as none of them appear to reside in Lewistown or vicinity at the present time.

CHILDREN.

i. Charlotte, is said to have grown up in Lewistown; m. Jacob Fisher, known as Jake Fisher, captain of the "Swisboy," a boat on the Illinois River, and they lived in the town of Liverpool, Fulton Co., Ill., from about 1850 until about 1880, when Mr. Fisher died. Charlotte (Viets) Fisher is said to have died about 1897. Children:

Roger Fisher, d. a young man, unmarried; a daughter married, had a family, and is said to be living in California.

ii. James, d. in middle life or later.

iii. Luke, was a pilot on the Illinois River; d.

The sons of Dr. Roger Viets, with their sister, Charlotte Fisher, are said to have owned a 160-acre farm in Illinois, which was sold after Mrs. Fisher's death.

45

(Chloe,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

CHLOE[4] VIETS, daughter of Luke, born May 9, 1793, married, Sept. 11, 1811, Reuben Barker, Jr., and died Feb. 4, 1855. They lived at the old homestead near Newgate. Reuben Barker died April 23, 1862.

CHILDREN.

i. Lucy M. *Barker*, b. 1813; d. Feb. 21, 1876; m. Lester Griffin. Children:

1. Horace Viets Griffin, b. Sept. 20, 1845; m. Caroline Irene Hayes, and had: Lucy Maria, b. Aug. 21, 1875; Millard Carl, b. Jan. 27, 1877; Dora Chloe, b. May 22, 1878; Irving Horatio, b. June 17, 1880; Caroline Irene, b. Jan. 9, 1883.
2. Millard Filmore Griffin, d. in youth.

ii. Charles Don Ferdinand *Barker*, b. 1818; d. March 8, 1824.

iii. Mary J. *Barker*, b. March 30, 1828; m. 1st, Hiram Johnson of Westfield, Mass., who d. in 1852, aged 28; m. 2d, Dr. Charles N. Germaine, who d. in 1882; res. Westfield. Children: Josie J. Johnson, and Minnie, Chas. Irving, Oliver W. H., and Mary Germaine. The last-named m. F. R. Lewis of Westfield.

iv. Benjamin Franklin *Barker*, d. May 27, 1856, aged 28.

FIFTH GENERATION.

46

(Sophia,[5] Henry,[4] Henry,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

SOPHIA[5] VIETS, daughter of Henry of Becket, Mass., by his first wife, Mary, daughter of Captain Abner Viets, was born May 11, 1796; married, in Ohio, Joseph Watts, an Englishman; settled near Baraboo, Wis., where she died July 29, 1883, aged 87, having survived her husband many years.

CHILDREN.

i. Joseph *Watts*, d. near Baraboo, Wis.
ii. Henry *Watts*, res. in Ohio.
iii. Nelson *Watts*, a physician in Oregon, or, in the far West.
iv. Cyrus *Watts*, a lawyer; d. in Iowa.
v. Martha *Watts*, d. at Baraboo, Wis.
vi. Mary *Watts*, b. 1836; m. Aaron Teel; res. near Baraboo, Wis.
vii. Americus *Watts*, a lawyer at Ottawa, Putnam Co., O.
viii. Jackie *Watts;* d. young.

47

(Abial,[5] Henry,[4] Henry,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

ABIAL[5] VIETS, daughter of Henry and Mary, was born at Becket, Dec. 9, 1798; married, Oct. 4, 1830, Samuel Williams, son of Jehiel and Martha Spencer Williams, born at Middletown, Conn., April 9, 1801, and died at Bangor, Wis., Jan. 13, 1878. Mr. and Mrs. Williams removed from Massachusetts to Ohio in 1838, to Dodge county, Wis., in 1846, and thence to Sauk county, Wis., in 1854, where Mrs. Williams died, July 10, 1884, aged 85.

CHILDREN.

i. George W. *Williams*, b. Otis, Mass., May 8, 1833; d. in Indiana in 1875; m. 1st, Lavinia Hoover, by whom he had two children; m. 2d, Elisabeth Slocum, by whom he had five children, now (1900) living.

ii. Mary F. *Williams*, b. Otis, Mass., Dec. 5, 1835; m. March 30, 1864, David J. Jenkins, b. Cardiganshire, Wales, March 12, 1829, came to America in 1852, and d. Oct. 31, 1871.

iii. Hester A. *Williams*, b. Jan. 27, 1842, at Troy, O.; d. 1849.

48

(Mary,[5] Henry,[4] Henry,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

MARY[5] VIETS, daughter of Henry and Mary, was born Aug. 13, 1802; married Michael Stewart, and lived in Streetsboro, Ohio, where she died October 23, 1878, aged eighty-six, her husband having died several years before.

CHILDREN.

i. Michael *Stewart*, a lawyer at Ravenna, O.
ii. Mary *Stewart*.
iii. Charles *Stewart*.
iv. Jennie *Stewart*.

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(Henry,[5] Henry,[4] Henry,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

HENRY[5] VIETS, son of Henry and his second wife, Charlotte (Fowler), born at Becket, Mass., Aug. 31, 1808; resided during the latter part of his life at Oberlin, O., where he was a respected citizen. He married, first, Sarah Boise of Blandford, Mass., Sept. 27, 1831. She died at Huntington, O., Nov. 27, 1844. He married, second, Samantha Joslin of Michigan, Sept. 29, 1845. Mr. Viets died at Oberlin, Feb. 28, 1894; his wife, July 14, 1898.

Children by first marriage:

i. Elizabeth, b. Nov. 5, 1836; d. at Ohio City, Aug. 18, 1838.
131. ii. Henry Sheldon, b. at Huntington, O., Feb. 4, 1839.
iii. Edward Goodwin, b. May 22, 1842; d. Oberlin, O., Sept. 20, 1857.
132. iv. Sara Elizabeth, b. Nov. 21, 1844.

By second marriage:

133 v. Helen Josephine, b. July 24, 1846.
134. vi. Charlotte Jane, b. July 1, 1853.

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(Charlotte,[5] Henry,[4] Henry,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

CHARLOTTE[5] VIETS, daughter of Henry and Charlotte (Fowler), born at Becket, Mass., July 10, 1810; married Alfred Van Wyck of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; resided at Clifton, Ill. Mrs. Van Wyck died September 12, 1880, Mr. Van Wyck, Jan. 13, 1892.

CHILDREN.

i. John B. *Van Wyck*, b. June 28, 1831; res. Clifton, Ill.; m. July 10, 1867, Mary Gorham, at Newberg, N. J.; had: 1. Alfred, b. 1873; d. 1874. 2. Laura, b. March 11, 1876, and m. March 24, 1898, to Paul L. Reed, at Liège, Belgium; has since lived one year at Antwerp, and later in Calcutta. Mr. Reed is a civil engineer employed in building dredges, two for the Russian government, one in Bombay, India, and two for the Australian government.

ii. Henry V. *Van Wyck*, b. Nov. 8, 1833; d. 1837.

iii. William A. *Van Wyck*, b. Oct. 3, 1835; d. 1837.

iv. Mary *Van Wyck*, b. Jan. 7, 1840; d. 1890.

v. Charlotte *Van Wyck*, b. March 23, 1842; m. Lester Bartlett at Kent, Conn., Feb. 22, 1864; d. at Washington, D. C., Aug. 11, 1865, leaving a son, John L. Bartlett, res. Hartford, Conn. Lester Bartlett d. 1888 at Atlantic City.

vi. Susan *Van Wyck*, b. March 29, 1854; d. 1856.

51

(William Atwater,[5] Henry,[4] Henry,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

WILLIAM ATWATER[5] VIETS, son of Henry and Charlotte (Fowler), was born at Becket, Feb. 20, 1813. He married, first, Mary Elizabeth Pennoyer in New York, May 17, 1836. She died in New York, March 11, 1853. He married, second, Mrs. Francis N. Reeves of Boston, in Chicago, Sept. 17, 1856. Mr. Viets has been, during a long life, a man of enterprise, and of kindly qualities. At one time he had a desire to prepare a genealogy of the Viets family, and when on a visit East looked up some of the old records with that end in view. It is a matter of regret that other duties did not permit him to carry the project to completion. The older records of the Becket line of the family have been furnished by him for this

work. He is still (1900) living at his home at Clifton, Ill., at the age of eighty-seven.

Children by first marriage:

i. Catharine Augusta, b. in New York, July 26, 1841; m. John R. Cameron of Ottawa, Ill., Jan. 24, 1866.
135. ii. Mary Punnett, b. at Fishkill, N. Y., Aug. 4, 1844.
iii. Charlotte, b. Dec. 17, 1849; d. June 4, 1853.

By second marriage:

iv. Helen Cornell, b. in Chicago, June 22, 1857.
v. William Henry, b. at Clifton, Ill., Nov. 1, 1864; d. March 17, 1879, from a gun accident.

52

(Caroline,[5] Jonathan Munsell,[4] Jonathan,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

CAROLINE[5] VIETS, daughter of Jonathan Munsell and Fanny (Remington), was born near Copper Hill in West Suffield, Conn., April 29, 1815, where she died Jan. 1, 1893, at the old home received by her from her father. She married Andrew Clark December 18, 1844. He was born in Hartland, Aug. 10, and died at Copper Hill, July 26, 1899. Mrs. Clark was a communicant of the Baptist Church in Suffield, of which her father, Jonathan Munsell Viets, was a deacon.

CHILDREN.

i. Almira Caroline *Clark*, b. Nov. 25, 1848.
ii. Albert Munsell *Clark*, b. July 26, 1851; d. May 10, 1886; m. Dec. 9, 1873, Anna Eliza Beaman. Daughter: Mary Ada, m. Olin C. Frazier; d. 1892.
iii. Mary Viets *Clark*, b. Oct. 22, 1853; d. April 29, 1854.
iv. Willett Boardman *Clark*, b. Feb. 23, 1856; res. at the old place near Copper Hill; m. Sept. 23, 1876, Clara E. Easton, b. Aug. 21, 1859. Son: Henry Willett Clark, b. May 26, 1879.

53

(Henry Munsell,[5] Jonathan Munsell,[4] Jonathan,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

HENRY MUNSELL[5] VIETS, son of Jonathan Munsell and Fanny (Remington), was born near Copper Hill in Suffield, Oct. 22, 1816. He married, first, Esther Griffin, May 15, 1839. She was born May 12, 1818, and died March 1, 1844. He mar-

ried, second, Jane Cook, Feb. 16, 1845. She was born April 10, 1821. He removed from Copper Hill to Henrietta, O., thence to North Ridgefield, O., in 1860, and thence to Albion, Ashland county, O., in 1873, where he died January 10, 1896. He was a successful, enterprising farmer, and extensively engaged in the manufacture of cheese.

CHILDREN.

136. i. Sarah J., b. Nov. 28, 1845.
ii. Martha O., b. May 17, 1848; d. May 10, 1850.
137. iii. Martin H., b. Sept. 12, 1849.
iv. Abbie F., b. Dec. 24, 1851; d. Jan. 13, 1866.
138. v. Mary E., b. Oct. 12, 1854.
139. vi. Maria A., b. May 25, 1856; d. July, 1879.
vii. George Willett, b. Oct. 23, 1861; d. Aug. 30, 1864.

54

(Ezekiel,[5] Jonathan Munsell,[4] Jonathan,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

EZEKIEL[5] VIETS, son of Jonathan Munsell and Fanny (Remington), was born near Copper Hill in Suffield, March 30, 1818. He married, Oct. 9, 1842, Catherine Charity Warner, born Feb. 20, 1823, and died July, 1884. Ezekiel Viets was a farmer at Avon, O. He died April 21, 1897.

CHILDREN.

140. i. Jonathan Munsell, b. Sept. 15, 1843.
ii. Bushnell, b. Nov. 9, 1845; d. in Kansas April 24, 1873.
141. iii. Chauncey Hastings, b. June 29, 1848.
iv. Eliza Catherine, b. Oct. 5, 1850; d. June 11, 1898.
142. v. Lydia Mary, b. Jan. 17, 1854.
143. vi. Charles Fremont, b. Sept. 23, 1856.

55

(Fannie,[5] Jonathan Munsell,[4] Jonathan,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

FANNIE[5] VIETS, daughter of Jonathan Munsell and Fanny (Remington), born at the old home near Copper Hill, Sept. 11, 1821; married Chauncey Owen January 12, 1842. He was born at Granby, Aug. 12, 1815. They reside at West Mecca, Trumbull county, O. Children all living (1900) in Ohio.

i. Sarah Bliss *Owen*, b. Granby, Conn., Sept. 27, 1842; m. Clinton Irwin March 25, 1875.

ii. Marion Amelia *Owen*, b. July 8, 1844; d. Henrietta, Lorain Co., O., Oct. 5, 1861.
iii. Harriet Caroline *Owen*, b. Granby, Aug. 25, 1846; m. George F. Pray, Jan. 14, 1867.
iv. Abbie Amanda *Owen*, b. Granby, June 20, 1849; m. George Wilbur July 29, 1866. Children: May Armenia, m. Martin De Forest Kee; Leon Alton.

56

(Sarah,[5] Jonathan Munsell,[4] Jonathan,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

SARAH[5] VIETS, daughter of Jonathan Munsell and Fanny (Remington), born in Suffield, near Copper Hill, March 25, 1826; married Rev. Charles Willett, a Baptist clergyman, and a preacher of considerable power. She died July 18, 1845. Son:

i. Henry Bushnell *Willett*, b. March 14, 1845; d. Feb. 14, 1900; was born in Southwick, Mass.; was in Wisconsin at breaking out of the Civil War, and enlisted as a private in Co. E, 29th Wisconsin infantry; towards close of war lost his right arm, then learned telegraphy; went to West Point in 1868, where he followed the occupation of telegraphy until his death. His wife died March, 1896.

57

(Mary,[5] Jonathan Munsell,[4] Jonathan,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

MARY[5] VIETS, daughter of Jonathan Munsell and Fanny (Remington), born at Copper Hill, Jan. 6, 1836; married Lafayette Kniffin August 22, 1859, at Henrietta, O. He died March 15, 1869. She resided at Tacoma, Wash., and later at Eureka, Cal.

CHILDREN.

i. Bertha L. *Kniffin*, b. July 2, 1861, at Henrietta, O.; m. Feb. 18, 1891, C. L. Moore; res. Ellensburg, Wash.
ii. Willard M. *Kniffin*, b. July 3, 1863; d. July 18, 1876.
iii. Hattie M. *Kniffin*, b. Feb. 16, 1866, at Manchester, Iowa; m. July 10, 1897, L. R. Lothrop; res. Eureka, Cal.
iv. Fannie J. *Kniffin*, b. Jan. 19, 1869, at Manchester, Iowa; m. Nov. 13, 1887, G. L. Haven; res. Ellensburg, Wash.

58

(James Hathaway,[5] Festus,[4] James,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

JAMES HATHAWAY[5] VIETS, son of Festus and Maria (Hathaway), born at Copper Hill, in East Granby, Aug. 21, 1824; is a farmer residing at the old homestead, which has been in the family four generations; has been first selectman for the town of East Granby; was in the legislature in 1862; has been school visitor and justice of the peace. He married, Oct. 11, 1849, Marilla Hayes, daughter of Dudley Hayes of Granby, of a family of that name who were among the first settlers.

CHILDREN.

144. i. James Duane, b. Feb. 20, 1853.
ii. Ella M., b. Dec. 11, 1854; d. April 27, 1856.
iii. Horace, b. Dec. 22, 1862.
iv. Nora Belle, b. June 17, 1865; d. Oct. 13, 1885.
145. v. Samuel David, b. Feb. 19, 1868.

59

(Harriet Maria,[5] Festus,[4] James,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

HARRIET MARIA[5] VIETS, daughter of Festus and Maria (Hathaway), born Sept. 3, 1826; married Henry Griffin, and resided at Hungary in Granby.

CHILDREN.

i. Henry Eugene *Griffin*, b. April 4, 1849; m. 1st, June, 1870, Emma Owen, who died in May, 1875; m. 2d, Capitola Griffin, Aug. 9, 1882; d. April 10, 1884, at Michigan City, Ind.
ii. Larena Harriet *Griffin*, b. March 4, 1854; m. Hinman A. Dibble Oct. 15, 1879; res. Hartford, Conn.
iii. Frank Wilbur *Griffin*, b. July 15, 1857; resides at Galesburg, Ill.

60

(Eliza Candace,[5] Festus,[4] James,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

ELIZA CANDACE[5] VIETS, daughter of Festus and Maria (Hathaway), was born Aug. 2, 1828. She married, first, April 20, 1848, William Lorenzo Hayes of West Granby, who was

born July 31, 1825, and died March 28, 1849. She married, second, Linus N. Hayes, brother of William L., born April 30, 1821. Residence, West Granby, Conn.

Children by first marriage:

i. William Lorenzo *Hayes*, b. Dec. 1, 1849; m. Ida May Emmons March 26, 1875, daughter of Warren Emmons of East Hartland, Conn. Children, born and residing in East Hartland: Della A., Robert W., Lottie M., Avena I., Willis L., and Lewis E. Hayes.

By second marriage:

ii. Frank P. *Hayes*, b. Jan. 7, 1852; d. May 14, 1889; m. May 16, 1875, Emma J., daughter of Arlow and Lucy Case of Canton, Conn. Daughter: Emma Birdena Hayes, b. Oct 20, 1887. Residence, Waterbury, Conn.

iii. Alfred L. *Hayes*, b. Sept. 7, 1856; d. March 21, 1901; m. Aug. 5, 1882, Lenora E. Gutierrez. Son: Ned Hayes, d. 1891.

iv. Edward M. *Hayes*, b. March 4, 1860; d. Feb. 1, 1865.

v. Lizzie M. *Hayes*, b. April 10, 1861; d. April 28, 1861.

vi. Henry J. *Hayes*, b. Oct. 15, 1862; m. March 28, 1888, Elnora M. Wilcox, daughter of Augustine and Marinia Wilcox of West Granby. Residence, West Granby. Daughter: Edith B. Hayes, b. Aug. 10, 1891.

vii. Burton E. *Hayes*, b. Dec. 29, 1868; m. Jessie M., daughter of Henry M. and Charlotte Weed. She died April 25, 1900. Residence, West Hartford, Conn. Children: Bertha L., b. Feb. 22, 1892, and Ina M., b. June 13, 1898.

61

(Philo Horace,[5] Festus,[4] James,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

PHILO HORACE[5] VIETS, son of Festus and Maria (Hathaway), born at Copper Hill, East Granby, Aug. 12, 1830; resided in Granby until 1870, when he removed to Hartford; two years later removed to Derby, Conn., where he has since lived, engaged most of the time in the hardware business with Hallock Bros. He married, first, Almira W. Clark April 11, 1855. She was born May 5, 1834, and died March 25, 1863. He married, second, Susan Camp of Derby April 20, 1865. She was born Nov. 27, 1831, and died Sept. 5, 1876. He mar-

ried, third, Ann Augusta Hallock Oct. 29, 1883. She was born in Derby in 1835. Children by first marriage:

i. Arthur L., b. May 10, 1856; d. Nov. 22, 1857.
146. ii. Stanley W., b. Feb. 28, 1859.
iii. Albert D., b. March 18, 1863; d. Jan. 22, 1865.

By second marriage:

iv. Alice Susan, b. May 5, 1871; d. Aug. 4, 1871.

62

(Lamira Jane,[5] Festus,[4] James,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

LAMIRA JANE[5] VIETS, daughter of Festus and Maria (Hathaway), born Jan. 27, 1835; married Nov. 24, 1853, Willis Lester Hayes, who died Oct. 26, 1886, aged fifty-six. They resided in East Granby and Granby, where Mrs. Hayes now resides.

CHILDREN.

i. Charles Willis *Hayes*, b. Nov. 29, 1854; m. Mollie Meadows Jan. 2, 1888.
ii. Emogene Cornelia *Hayes*, b. Nov. 4, 1856; m. Charles A. Greene Nov. 12, 1879. Children: Eva Lamira, Allen Hayes, Marion Emogene, Blanche Eliza, Mardula Maria, Anna Belle, and Helen Amelia.
iii. James Viets *Hayes*, b. Oct. 13, 1869; d. Jan. 3, 1885.

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(William Dixon,[5] Festus,[4] James,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

WILLIAM DIXON[5] VIETS, son of Festus and Maria (Hathaway), born May 17, 1842; married Jennie M. Griffin Feb. 15, 1872. She was born March 15, 1849; died Nov. 20, 1882. They reside at Copper Hill in East Granby, where Mr. Viets has been postmaster for several years.

CHILDREN.

i. Shermie L., b. May 29, 1873; d. Dec. 2, 1877.
ii. Hattie M., b. June 28, 1875; d. Dec. 10, 1877.
iii. Willie L., b. Nov. 2, 1878.

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(Jason Rushmore,[5] Festus,[4] James,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

JASON RUSHMORE[5] VIETS, youngest of the family of Festus and Maria (Hathaway), was born Jan. 17, 1846. Mr. Viets was a representative in the legislature in 1888. He married, first, Rhoda Phelps, daughter of Captain Apollos Phelps, Dec. 9, 1867. She died Sept. 14, 1874. He married, second, Wilhelmina M. Grohman Oct. 30, 1876. She was born in Hartford, Conn., Jan. 6, 1854. They reside in East Granby. Occupation, farming.

Children by first marriage:

i. Adella M., b. March 7, 1869.

By second marriage:

ii. Jason Edward, b. in East Granby Dec. 25, 1877; m. Dec. 5, 1900, Lucy Adeline Bacon, b. in Poquonock, Conn., March 21, 1881. Residence, East Granby.
iii. Lena Mae, b. Sept. 25, 1883; d. July 31, 1900.
iv. P. Grohman, b. Dec. 6, 1898; the youngest Viets at the first reunion.

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(Letia,[5] John,[4] John,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

LETIA[5] VIETS, daughter of John and Lois (Phelps) of Westfield, granddaughter, as is believed, of John and Elizabeth (Phelps) Viets of Simsbury, and great granddaughter of Captain John and Lois (Phelps) Viets of Newgate, was born at Westfield, Mass., in 1796, and died at Hamilton, Can., in 1857. She married Seth Harrison, son of Reuben Harrison and his wife, Nancy Baldwin, both of whom lived and died in Westfield. The Baldwins are said to have been a large and fine family who married well, and were respected and honored citizens.

Children of Letia and Seth Harrison:

i. Emeline *Harrison*, b. at Westfield Dec. 13, 1818; d. at Westfield Feb. 18, 1862; m. at Westfield Sept. 5, 1836,

William Ely, b. at Westfield April 17, 1817, and d. at Elizabeth, N. J. Children:

1. Thomas Jefferson Ely, b. Westfield June 11, 1838; d. 1839.
2. Grace Rose Ely, b. July 4, 1840; m. April 10, 1861, Jared Sandford, who has been county clerk of Seneca County, N. Y., school commissioner of Westchester County, 2d district, twelve years, first Mayor of Mount Vernon, N. Y., member of the Assembly, and superintendent of public instruction for the state of New York. Res., Mount Vernon, N. Y.
3. Emma Josephine Ely, b. Sept. 30, 1842; d. June 9, 1849.
4. Abigail Letia Ely, b. Oct. 27, 1844; m. Clements; d. at Mount Vernon, N. Y., June, 1893.
5. Nancy Judson Ely, b. Westfield Nov. 30, 1846; d. New Buffalo, Mich., Sept. 23, 1848.
6. Emma Josephine Ely, b. New Buffalo, Mich., Dec. 23, 1848; res. Mount Vernon, N. Y.
7. William Henry Harrison Ely, b. Westfield, May 10, 1851; graduated at New York University, 1875; is a lawyer at Tarrytown, N. Y.; m. Sept. 1, 1875, Ida Roberts. Children:
   - (*a*) Wm. Allen Hall Ely, b. July 5, 1877; graduated at Michigan University and New York Law School; is an editor at Tarrytown; m. 1900 Grace Spencer White.
   - (*b*) Grace Rose Ely, b. April 12, 1880.
   - (*c*) Helen Roberts Ely, b. Dec. 31, 1894.
   - (*d*) Ruth Buchanan Ely, b. Aug. 24, 1896.
8. Addison Ely, b. at Westfield May 23, 1853; lawyer at Rutherford, N. J.; m. at Union, N. J., Dec., 1874, Emily Johnson. Children:
   - (*a*) Addison Ely, b. Caldwell, N. J., Nov. 26, 1875; Columbia College and Michigan University Law School; lawyer, Rutherford, N. J.; m. Sept., 1900, Clara Lord.
   - (*b*) Abigail M., b. April 15, 1881, at Rutherford, N. J.; student at Michigan University.
   - (*c*) Jared Sandford, b. Oct. 10, 1884; d. 1885.
   - (*d*) Seth Harrison, b. Oct. 10, 1884, twin of above.
   - (*e*) Sandford Dana, b. June 12, 1886.
   - (*f*) Emily Emmeline, b. Sept. 2, 1888.
   - (*g*) Clara Harrison Stranahan, b. March 26, 1890.

(*h*) Wm. Harvey Johnson, b. Sept. 18, 1891.
(*i*) Leon Abbott, b. Nov. 25, 1893.
(*j*) Hiram Baldwin, b. March 1, 1896.
(*k*) J. S. T. Stranahan, b. Oct. 17, 1898.

9. Thomas Jefferson Ely, b. at Westfield June 2, 1855; d. April 10, 1858.

10. Nancy Judson Ely, b. Oct. 10, 1857; m. at Elizabeth, N. J., July, 1881, Eugene Cady of Westfield, Mass. Children: Emma Cady, b. Westfield July 7, 1883; Bertha Cady, b. March 31, 1889; Ely Cady, b. Feb. 19, 1891.

ii. Elizabeth *Harrison*, b. March 2, 1821; d. Feb. 17, 1840; m. William Willis.

iii. Mary Jane *Harrison*, b. Jan. 12, 1823; d. April 25, 1898; m. Dean Grey. Children: Wm. Mason, Wilhelmina, and Elizabeth.

iv. Lucy Ann *Harrison*, b. April 7, 1825; m. Luther Grover. Children: Martha, Ada, Harriet, Willie, Harry, and Clara.

v. Nancy J. *Harrison*, b. April 6, 1827; d. Feb. 28, 1895; m. Wm. Ely after the death of his first wife, Emmeline.

vi. Harriet N. *Harrison*, b. April 29, 1829; d. Aug. 23, 1894.

vii. Clara C. *Harrison*, b. April 9, 1831; m. Hon. J. S. T. Stranahan, originally from East Killingly, Conn., one of the first citizens of Brooklyn, N. Y., member of Congress, and originator of Prospect Park, Brooklyn. Mrs. Stranahan is the author of an able work on French Art. She gave $25,000 to Michigan University as a memorial to her father, Seth Harrison, as a scholarship fund.

viii. William H. *Harrison*, b. Feb. 22, 1833; m. Lucy Ingersoll; d. Sept. 19, 1878.

ix. Maria L. *Harrison*, b. May 12, 1835; m. Judge Henry R. Lovell of Flint, Mich. Children: Clara, Almira, Helen L., Hattie A., Henry H., and Fannie M. Of these, Clara and Fannie M. died in infancy; the others have all graduated at Michigan University. Helen married John W. Million, President of Hardin Ladies' College. Henry H. married Nina B. McQuigg. Hattie A. died in 1894 at Marash Girls' College, Central Turkey, where she had been two years a teacher. She was a young woman of rare gifts and great promise, a sweet singer. She once wrote that she was far happier teaching the poor Armenian girls to sing than she would be as the prima donna of America.

x. Fannie E. *Harrison*, b. 1837; d. 1839.

xi. George W. *Harrison*, b. March 30, 1839.

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(John Knutton,[5] Roger Moore,[4] Roger,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

JOHN KNUTTON[5] VIETS, son of Rev. Roger Moore Viets and his wife, Eliza (Knutton), was born at Digby, N. S., in 1809, and died in 1868. He was sheriff of Digby county. He married Harriet Martyn, born May 11, 1811.

CHILDREN.

147. i. Charles, b. June 21, 1832; d. in Boston in 1878.
ii. Celia, bapt. Aug. 17, 1834; m. Charles Stone; resided at Malden, Mass.; d. April 15, 1899.
148. iii. Henry Synnott, b. April 24, 1836.
iv. Harriet, b. Nov. 8, 1837; d. aged 10.
v. Sarah Morton, m. Charles B. Shaw; res. Malden, Mass.; d. May 18, 1893. Daughter: Mary Letitia.
vi. Margaret Lavinia, bapt. Aug. 29, 1841.
149. vii. Edward Martyn, b. April 12, 1843.
viii. Mary Eliza, bapt. May 3, 1845.
ix. John Botsford, b. March 11, 1850; d. March 1, 1889.
x. William, d. in infancy.

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(Botsford,[5] Roger Moore,[4] Roger,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

BOTSFORD[5] VIETS, son of Rev. Roger M. and Eliza (Knutton), was born at Digby, July 4, 1810; resided at Digby, N. S., where he was collector of customs; died in 1897. He married Sarah Martyn.

CHILDREN.

i. Caroline Adelaide, b. June 10, 1834; named for her aunt, Caroline Viets Wade, and Adelaide, the Queen Dowager; res. at Digby; has furnished valuable notes and records for this work.
ii. George Augustus, b. 1835.
150. iii. Sarah Eliza, b. Aug. 28, 1837.
151. iv. John Moore, b. Dec. 11, 1839.

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(Louisa,[5] Roger Moore,[4] Roger,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

LOUISA[5] VIETS, daughter of Rev. Roger Moore and Eliza (Knutton), born about 1813; married in June, 1832, James Archer Dennison.

CHILDREN.

i. Emma *Dennison*, b. 1833; m. and had daughter Maud, who m. Benjamin Walter of Wareham, Mass.
ii. James *Dennison*, b. 1834.
iii. Louisa *Dennison*, b. 1835; d. 1872.
iv. Julia *Dennison*, b. 1838; d. 1873.
v. George *Dennison*, b. 1839; d. 1869.
vi. Frank *Dennison*, b. 1841.
vii. Lucy *Dennison*, b. 1844.
viii. Herbert *Dennison*, b. 1846.
ix. Archibald Viets *Dennison*, b. 1848; d. 1867.
x. Charles *Dennison*, b. 1851.
xi. Eliza *Dennison*, b. Oct. 31, 1853; m. A. J. J. Copp, solicitor and member of House of Parliament in Canada. Daughters: Ethel and Kate.
xii. Walter *Dennison*, twin of Eliza.
xiii. William *Dennison*, b. 1858.

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(Caroline,[5] Roger Moore,[4] Roger,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

CAROLINE[5] VIETS, daughter of Rev. Roger Moore, born about 1818; married J. C. Wade, speaker of the House of Parliament of Nova Scotia, barrister, and notary public.

CHILDREN.

i. John *Wade*, M.D.
ii. Harry *Wade*, barrister.
iii. Katherine *Wade*, m. F. L. Jones, inspector of customs.
iv. Alan V. *Wade*, m. Amy Lane of Ottawa.

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(Seth,[5] Seth,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

SETH[5] VIETS, son of Seth and Eunice (Dewey), born at Pawlet, Vt., lived there during the earlier portion of his life. Later he moved to Oberlin, O., where he died Oct. 2, 1860. He is said to have married a daughter of Samuel Taylor.

CHILDREN.

152. i. Charlotte Marie, b. in Vermont, Nov. 14, 1832.
ii. Samuel B., b. in Vermont, May 22, 1838; m. Julia A. Washburn of Oberlin, O., where they reside.

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(Mary,[5] Seth,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

MARY[5] VIETS, daughter of Seth and Eunice (Dewey), born at Pawlet, Vt., about 1808; married Franklin Jones of West Pawlet, and died in 1893.

CHILDREN.

i. Alta *Jones*, b. about 1838; m. Edward Moran; children: Frank, m. and res. at Burlington, Vt.; Nellie, m. ——— Fuller; Horace.

ii. Fanny *Jones*, b. 1840; d. 1893; m. Nov. 25, 1858, Joel A. Nelson, who died in 1876. Children:

1. Thelbert M. Nelson, d. 1895.
2. Martin J. Nelson, res. Hebron, N. Y.; m. Susie Munson and had Clara, Munson, and Mason.
3. Rollin G. Nelson, m. Flora Hatch; res. West Rupert, Vt.
4. Wilber G. Nelson, res. North Hebron, N. Y.; m. Alice Filer and had Hazel and Ernest.
5. Ida S. Nelson, m. Willie C. Mason of Rupert, Vt., and has children: Melville and Ernest.
6. Mary E. Nelson, m. Bert Jenkins, Granville, N. Y.
7. Merritt E. Nelson, m. November, 1901, Alice Lewis; res. Manchester, Vt.

iii. Helen *Jones*, b. about 1845; d. 1894; m. Elery A. Clayton.

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(Isabel,[5] Seth,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

ISABEL[5] VIETS, daughter of Seth Viets, Jr., and Eunice (Dewey), born at Pawlet, Vt., about 1810; married Henry Sherman, and died about 1880.

CHILDREN.

i. Harriet Marie *Sherman*, d. at Pawlet about 1885; unmarried.

ii. Laura Ann *Sherman*, m. and her husband was killed in the Civil War; d. at Pawlet, 1898.

iii. Lester *Sherman*, placed third on this list, but thought by some to have been the oldest of the family; m. and had children: Mary L., m. Edson, Claremont Junction, N. H.; Will, res. Providence, R. I.; Frank, Cavendish, Vt.

iv. Sarah Jane *Sherman*, b. Nov. 15, 1847; d. March 9, 1892; m. March 17, 1870, Isaac Barnes. Children: Charles, d. April 14, 1890; Blanche, Archie, Pawlet, Vt.; Harold, Pawlet, Vt.; Guy, West Rupert, Vt.; Sara, Donald, West Rupert, Vt.; Blanche, m. Dec. 24, 1895, Rollin F. Hopkins of West Rupert, Vt., and has a son: Frederick Field Hopkins, b. Nov. 3, 1898.

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(Captain Henry,[5] Seth,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

CAPTAIN HENRY[6] VIETS, son of Seth, Jr., and Eunice (Dewey), was born at Pawlet, Vt., in 1814; married, in 1836, Harriet Maria Shaw; resided at Pawlet, where he died in 1887.

CHILDREN.

153. i. Harriet Louisa, b. 1836; d. 1882.
154. ii. Fayette, b. 1841; d. 1893.
iii. Helen Maria, b. 1846; d. 1895; m. first, about 1866, Amyle B. Searles of West Pawlet. Son: Edgar Brewer Searles, b. 1868; m. about 1897 Lillian Kingsley and res. at Dorchester, Mass. She m. second, about 1882, James Adams; res. at Rutland, Vt.
155. iv. Martin Henry, b. 1849.

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(Sophia,[5] Simeon Smith,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

SOPHIA[5] VIETS, daughter of Simeon Smith Viets, was born Aug. 10, 1800; married Jesse M. Leonard, Geneva, O.; died at Oakland, Cal., Jan. 25, 1884.

CHILDREN.

i. Julia Ann *Leonard*, b. June 6, 1822; m. in 1847 Calvin Munger; res. Sacramento, Cal. Children: Carlton Munger and Mrs. Julia C. Jones.
ii. Ambrose Viets *Leonard*, b. Oct. 23, 1824; left Moore's Flat, Cal., in 1869; has not been heard from since; supposed to have been murdered for his money.
iii. Volney M. *Leonard*, b. July 15, 1832; m. in 1851 Helen Loomis; res. at Roseville, Cal.
iv. Carlisle *Leonard*, b. July 19, 1834; d. at Sacramento, Cal., in 1854.

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(Jane,[5] Simeon Smith,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

JANE[5] VIETS, daughter of Simeon Smith, was born in 1804; married Orlin Dibble of Granby; lived in East Hampton, Mass., and died in Springfield about 1895.

CHILDREN.

i. Nelson *Dibble*, m. and had children: Louis Nelson, East Hampton, Mass.; Nellie E., m. Cassius Brewer, Hockanum, Conn.; Frank H., Holyoke, Mass.; Lyman W., East Hampton, Mass.; Harriet L., d.; Mary A., Herbert L., William A., Harry P.

ii. Amelia *Dibble*.

iii. Harriet *Dibble*, adopted daughter, m. Moses Leonard of East Hampton, Mass. Daughter, Henrietta Leonard; d. on her wedding day.

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(Rodney,[5] Jesse,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

REV. RODNEY[5] VIETS, son of Rev. Jesse and Dolly Ann (Saxton), was born at St. Albans, Vt., June 16, 1806; removed with his parents to Amboy, O., in 1823, and married, in 1829, Lucinda H. Wood, born at Conneaut, Pa., March 28, 1808. Both died the same year, 1887, the wife, Feb. 28th, the husband, Nov. 20th.

The following sketch of Rev. Rodney Viets is from the pen of his daughter, Mrs. D. H. Gaylord: Mr. Viets was, like his father, a pioneer preacher. At the age of twenty-one he was a prominent member of the M. E. Church, a class-leader, and an active exhorter. Soon after that, however, when the wave of reformation swept over the Western Reserve and adjacent states led by the Campbellites, and those who pleaded for a return to primitive Christianity, he became deeply interested, and was thoroughly convinced that he had learned the way more perfectly. He met with opposition, yet never afterwards regretted his final decision.

In his obituary is this tribute: " Elder Viets, in his chosen field of thought, was a man of more than ordinary powers. His forte was the gospel, to which he devoted heart, brain, and purse. The Disciples in Geneva owe him a debt of love for the

hundreds of dollars he gave them in their first efforts there. He united with the Disciples fifty years ago, when such a step covered the heretic with contempt; but he lived to see the church of his choice number a membership of 700,000, among whom are scholars, authors, editors, generals, senators, and a president of the nation. He was a hated, original abolitionist, and lived to see his wildest dreams on that subject more than realized in the extinction of American slavery. He held gently the reins of family government, was true to temperance principles, loyal to God, to his country, his church, and his friends, and, we believe, his supreme hope is now realized in eternal life."

Mr. Viets' wife shared with him their pioneer life, and, by her industry and economy, assisted in securing a competency for their old age. Having nobly filled the place of mother, wife, and friend, she died as the righteous die.

Children of Rev. Rodney and Lucinda Wood Viets:

i. Rodney Dwight, b. Conneaut, O., March 19, 1830; d. Feb. 21, 1831.
156. ii. Mandana Lucinda, b. Nov. 13, 1831; d. Feb. 10, 1883.
157. iii. Byron Mortimer, b. Sept. 13, 1833; d. Dec. 28, 1896.
158. iv. Harriet Melissa, b. Ashtabula, O., March 11, 1836.
159. v. Frank Jesse, b. Saybrook, O., March 12, 1839.
vi. Clarissa Maria, b. July 19, 1841; d. Dec. 25, 1847.
vii. Mary Elisabeth, b. Aug. 30, 1845; d. Dec. 21, 1871.
160. viii. Celestia Clarissa, b. Nov. 6, 1847.
161. ix. Durell Fremont, b. April 1, 1854.

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(Rollin,[5] Jesse,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

ROLLIN[5] VIETS, son of Jesse and Dolly Ann (Saxton), was born June, 1808, and married at Conneaut, O., Dec. 2, 1831, Electa A. Brown, who was born in Schoharie county, N. Y., Aug. 29, 1805, and died Sept. 20, 1884. Mr. Viets died in April, 1848.

Children born between 1833 and 1846:

162. i. Rollin Burton, b.
163. ii. Philander Dan, b. 1836; d. June 22, 1895.
164. iii. Elliot W., b. July 28, 1839.
165. iv. Jesse L., b. about 1842.
166. v. Andrew Hamlin, b. 1845.

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(Dolly Ann,[5] Jesse,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

DOLLY ANN[5] VIETS, daughter of Jesse and Dolly Ann (Saxton), was born Feb., 1811; married in 1835 Horatio A. Lovejoy, and died in 1882.

CHILDREN.

i. Caroline D. *Lovejoy.*
ii. Helen *Lovejoy,* m. A. Crittenden; res. Conneaut, O.
iii. Jannet *Lovejoy,* m. Robert Goldsmith; res. Conneaut, O.

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(Mary Ann,[5] Jesse,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

MARY ANN[5] VIETS, daughter of Jesse and Dolly Ann (Saxton), born in 1813; married Henry Benson in 1834, and died in 1887.

CHILDREN.

i. Watson *Benson,* m. Ursula Fox.
ii. Emory *Benson,* res. Oregon.
iii. Rosett *Benson,* m. John Starkweather; res. Missouri.
iv. Adelbert *Benson,* m. Myra Simpson; res. Conneaut, O.
v. Leslie *Benson,* m. Alice Beckwith; res. Moosehead, Pa.

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(Rose Ann,[5] Jesse,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

ROSE ANN[5] or NANCY ROSANNA[5] VIETS, daughter of Jesse and Dolly Ann (Saxton), was born in 1816; married, in 1840, Carlisle Palmer, and died July 9, 1893. Carlisle Palmer died at Amboy, O., Feb. 28, 1896, aged nearly eighty-five years. He was born, it is believed, at East Hartford, Conn., in 1811, was adopted into the family of Roswell Viets when about five years of age, and went to Amboy with Mr. Viets in 1820. He was by turns a painter and merchant.

CHILDREN.

i. Arthur D. *Palmer,* enlisted in Fifty-second Ohio Regiment in Civil War, taken prisoner at battle of Peach Tree Creek, near Atlanta; was imprisoned at Andersonville, and died after liberation in 1864.

ii. Emma L. *Palmer*, m. George L. Younge of Amboy.
iii. Rollin M. *Palmer*.
iv. Robert E. *Palmer*, d. September, 1858.
v. Leon D. *Palmer*, d. Sept. 22, 1894.
vi. Infant daughter, d.

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(Eunice,[5] Jesse,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

EUNICE[5] VIETS, daughter of Jesse and Dolly Ann (Saxton), was born in 1819, and married John Watson. Family res. in Nashville, Iowa.

CHILDREN.

i. Reed *Watson*.
ii. Edgar *Watson*.
iii. Leslie *Watson*.
iv. Eugene *Watson*.

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(Franklin,[5] Roswell,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

FRANKLIN[5] VIETS, son of Roswell and Arabella (Granger), was born at East Hartford, Conn., Jan. 1, 1816. For the following account of Franklin Viets and his wife we are indebted to their daughter, Miss Emily A. Viets.

At the age of four years Franklin Viets removed with his parents to Conneaut, Ashtabula, O., where he has resided ever since, with the exception of one year spent in the southern part of the county. This section of the country was a vast wilderness at that time. Franklin Viets witnessed the change of a heavily wooded country into a thickly settled community. Conneaut Harbor has become, during the past year (1899), the chief ore-receiving port on the great lakes. Mr. Viets was married, June 13, 1844, to Ellen Elizabeth McDonnell, daughter of James and Theodocia McDonnell. She was born in Kirkland, Oneida county, N. Y., July 17, 1821. Her father, James McDonnel of Highland Scotch ancestry, was born in Ballymona, Antrim county, Ireland, only a few miles from the birthplace of the parents of Presidents Arthur and McKinley. Mrs. Viets died March 11, 1870, at the age of forty-

eight. She was the true type of Irish beauty, sweet disposition, and generous nature. Franklin Viets resides (1900) at Amboy, O.

CHILDREN.

i. Ellena F., b. Conneaut, March 28, 1845.
ii. Emily A., b. Oct. 5, 1847.

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(Barzillia Granger,[5] Roswell,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

BARZILLIA GRANGER[5] VIETS, son of Roswell and Arabella (Granger), was born in East Windsor, Conn., Feb. 5, 1818, and died at Conneaut, O., June 14, 1885, aged sixty-seven. His wife, Hannah Bushnell, whom he married, May 20, 1840, died at Conneaut, Sept., 1890, aged seventy.

CHILDREN.

i. Orpha Veronia, b. May 11, 1842; m. Nov. 11, 1859, D. K. Carter; d. at Conneaut Feb. 17, 1861.
167. ii. Edward Walton, b. July 28, 1847.
iii. Francis W., b. July 28, 1847; d. July 24, 1863.
168. iv. Byron B., b. June 2, 1849.

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(Fidelia,[5] Roswell,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

FIDELIA[5] VIETS, daughter of Roswell and Arabella (Granger), was born at West Springfield, Mass., Feb. 28, 1820, and married at Conneaut, O., Jan. 1, 1840, Walker S. Bennett, who was born in Fairfield county, Conn., Aug. 25, 1817. She died in Monroe, Ashtabula county, O., Jan. 28, 1878, he in Monroe, Dec. 26, 1883.

Children born at Monroe, O.:

i. Ellen Arcelia *Bennett*, b. March 26, 1844; m. Wiltshire Webster; res. Cleveland, O.
ii. Loren Marcus *Bennett*, b. March 14, 1846; m. Alzada Brockway; res. Jefferson, O.
iii. Ann Eliza *Bennett*, b. April 14, 1849; m. Isaac D. Chamberlain; res. Pueblo, Col.
iv. Frank Edward *Bennett*, b. Sept. 19, 1852; m. Carrie Baker; res. at the old homestead in Monroe.

v. Rollin Andrew *Bennett*, b. Dec. 10, 1853; m. Ella M. Henderson of Panama, N. Y.; res. David City, Neb.

vi. Lillian May *Bennett*, b. March 28, 1863; m. F. B. Hazelton; d. at Hazelton, Kan., 1886, leaving a daughter, Pearl.

85

(Charlotte,[5] Roswell,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

CHARLOTTE[5] VIETS, daughter of Roswell and Arabella (Granger), born March 20, 1822; married Jan. 1, 1840, Norman Matson, and resided in Ottawa, Ill., where she died Sept. 21, 1859.

CHILDREN.

i. Albert Eugene *Matson*, b. at Conneaut, O., June 4, 1841; a soldier in the Civil War, afterwards a minister of the gospel; res. San Diego, Cal.

ii. Charlotte Arabella *Matson*, b. May 10, 1844; m. Delos Gregory; res. Rockford, Ill.

iii. Catherine Adelaide *Matson*, b. in Ottawa, Ill., Jan. 20, 1848; m. Dr. Byron B. Viets.

iv. Ella *Matson*, b. July 17, 1853; m. Albert Brown Pitcher, Conneaut, O.; children: Chas. and Catherine H.

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(Armenus E.,[5] Zopher,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

ARMENUS E.[5] VIETS, son of Zopher and Tacy (Hillyer), born in East Granby, Conn., June 18, 1817; married Delia U. Smith at Cherry Valley, O., Dec. 16, 1840; by trade, a cigar manufacturer; church connection, Congregationalist. He died at Amboy, O., Aug. 28, 1881. His wife died at Amboy, Jan. 8, 1864. He married, second, Adelia Williams, Nov., 1865.

Children by first marriage:

i. Julia E., b. Aug. 26, 1844; m. Dec. 12, 1865, Edward Bockenstone; d. July 5, 1887.

ii. George A., b. Dec. 28, 1845; d. April 13, 1850, at Conneaut.

iii. Amanda E., b. Feb. 22, 1851; m. Nov. 5, 1871, Frank A. Rogers, since deceased; is living in Amboy, O.; five children: Ollie M., Ada L., Pearl H., Carl, and Reva.

iv. Ada M., b. Aug. 28, 1853; m. first, George Risley, about 1873; daughter: Alberta F. Risley. She m. second, 1877, James Mills; son: Ray Mills; res. Oregon.

By second marriage:

v. Eva, d. 1882.
vi. Elmer, d. 1882.

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(Emeline A.,[5] Zopher,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

EMELINE A.[5] VIETS, daughter of Zopher and Tacy (Hillyer), born at East Granby, Conn., Nov. 27, 1819; married William Royal, and died June 29, 1891.

CHILDREN.

i. Hiram L. *Royal.*
ii. Albert *Royal.*
iii. Martha *Royal.*
iv. Tacy *Royal.*
v. Wilhelmina *Royal.*
vi. Amanda *Royal.*

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(Zopher H.,[5] Zopher,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

ZOPHER H.[5] VIETS, son of Zopher and Tacy (Hillyer), born in East Granby, Conn., April 16, 1823; married Mary Jane Hill May 18, 1841; is a farmer, and resides now (1900) at Troy, Pa.

CHILDREN.

i. Eugene E., b. Sept. 7, 1855; m. Feb. 21, 1877, Mary C. Mills; res. Troy Center, Crawford county, Pa., perhaps later at Meadville, Pa.
ii. Sarah E., b. May 28, 1858; m. Feb. 21, 1878, Albert B. Conover.

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(Lois A.,[5] Zopher,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

LOIS A.[5] VIETS, daughter of Zopher and Tacy (Hillyer), born in East Granby, Conn., Oct. 28, 1825; removed to Williamsfield, O.; married James F. French in 1846, and died April 23, 1857.

CHILDREN.

i. Adella E. *French*, b. Oct. 18, 1848; m. July 3, 1866, Wm. Lossie. Children: Maude E., b. April 15, 1867; Frank, Ida, and Wallace D.

ii. Volney Franklin *French*, b. Nov. 27, 1850; m. July 4, 1878, Clara Black.

iii. Ida Estella *French*, b. Feb. 21, 1852; m. March 25, 1874, Wm. Webb. Daughter: Grace, b. March 4, 1877.

iv. Homer Delos *French*, b. Sept. 25, 1856; m. June 11, 1884, M. Edna Marvin. Daughter: Mabelle Elizabeth, b. July 17, 1885.

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(Hiram A.,[5] Zopher,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

HIRAM A.[5] VIETS, son of Zopher and Tacy (Hillyer), was born in East Granby, Conn., Jan. 19, 1828, and married Emma Wilder.

He was a cigar manufacturer; is retired, and lives at Beloit, Wis. Son:

i. Royal T., b. April 25, 1881; d. Nov. 2, 1881.

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(Mary J.,[5] Zopher,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

MARY J.[5] VIETS, daughter of Zopher and Tacy (Hillyer), was born in East Granby, Conn., June 2, 1830, and married, Oct. 24, 1850, Henry Grant, son of Paschal W. and Julia Viets Grant. They resided at Conneaut, O., where Mrs. Grant died Dec. 29, 1890. Daughter:

i. Lena May *Grant*, b. Jan. 23, 1856.

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(Martha M.,[5] Zopher,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

MARTHA M.[5] VIETS, daughter of Zopher and Tacy (Hillyer), was born at Andover, O., May 25, 1834, and married, Sept. 6, 1850, Jackson Simons.

CHILDREN.

i. Francelia S. *Simons*, b. Dec. 11, 1851; m. Charles W. Benton, 1879.

ii. Susie M. *Simons*, b. June 11, 1875.

93

(Shalor N.,[5] Zopher,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

SHALOR N.[5] VIETS, son of Zopher and Tacy (Hillyer), was born at Williamsfield, O., Jan. 4, 1837, and married Catharine Gillett at Cherry Valley, O., July 22, 1862. Occupation, farmer; education, academic; residence (1900), Madison, O. He was postmaster at Unionville, O., from 1888 to 1893.

CHILDREN.

169. i. Eva Sophia, b. May 4, 1864.
170. ii. Jessie M., b. Aug. 20, 1865.
171. iii. Mabel T., b. Oct. 25, 1866.
172. iv. Kathleen L., b. March 16, 1869.

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(Gaylor G.,[5] Zopher,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

GAYLOR G.[5] VIETS, son of Zopher and Tacy (Hillyer), was born at Williamsfield, O., Aug. 24, 1840, and married Ella King at Kingsville, O., Sept. 8, 1868. Education, academic; church connection, Presbyterian. He was postmaster at Kingsville from 1893 to 1897; has been clerk in the railroad freight department, and a cigar manufacturer. He died April 30, 1900.

Adopted daughter:

i. Maude, m. Dr. Thatcher.

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(Sarah,[5] Abner,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

SARAH[5] VIETS, daughter of Abner, Jr., and Sarah (Booth), was born in Granby, Conn., March 7, 1794; married Benjamin Perkins of Ashford, Conn., Aug. 20, 1815, and died in Greene, N. Y., July 9, 1867.

CHILDREN.

i. Chaplin Viets *Perkins*, b. Springfield, Mass., May 31, 1816; m. Rhoda Sweetland of Freetown, N. Y., in 1843; d. Aug. 30, 1849.

ii. Mary *Perkins*, b. Springfield, Mass., Dec. 11, 1817; d. in Sheffield, Mass., Oct. 8, 1823, aged six years.

iii. Sarah *Perkins*, b. in Springfield, Mass., Oct. 26, 1819; m. Lucius T. Darby of Greene, N. Y., Sept. 30, 1838; d. Aug. 7, 1855, leaving three sons, Henry, Frank, and William.

iv. Benjamin *Perkins*, b. in Springfield Feb. 3, 1822; d. July 7, 1857.

v. Mary Sophia *Perkins*, b. in Sheffield, Mass., July 29, 1826; m. Henry C. Maynard of Greene, N. Y., May 24, 1849; d. in Binghamton, N. Y., Aug. 30, 1894.

vi. Caroline *Perkins*, b. in Greene, N. Y., Nov. 25, 1828; m. Jefferson Kingman of Cincinnatus, N. Y., Nov. 6, 1851; res. Binghamton, N. Y.

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(Rebecca,[5] Abner,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

REBECCA[5] VIETS, daughter of Abner, Jr., and Sarah, was born in Granby, Conn., Sept. 4, 1796; married Chandler Hawley at Granby, Feb. 2, 1817, and died in Trumbull county, O., June 25, 1871.

Children born and died in Trumbull county, O.:

i. Mary *Hawley*, b. Nov. 13, 1817; m. Isaac Smith, who is still (1901) living at Fowler, O., at the age of ninety. Children: Sarah, Orpha, Emmogene, Della, and Van Zandt Smith. Sarah m. Post, res. Youngstown, O.

ii. Samantha *Hawley*, b. July 19, 1819; m. Loren Sigler Oct. 23, 1839; d. Nov. 28, 1883. Children:

1. Lemira M. Sigler, b. 1841; d. 1852.
2. Mantie L. Sigler, b. Oct. 19, 1843; m. Oct. 14, 1874, La Fayette Hunter and had: Maude, b. Jan. 8, 1876; d. May 11, 1883, and Loren, b. Aug. 13, 1883. Mrs. Mantie L. Hunter res. at Warren, O.

iii. Chauncey *Hawley*, b. Oct. 16, 1821; m. Mary Manly; d. Dec. 10, 1853. Children: Florence Hawley, b. 1849, m. ——— Post of Cortland, O., and Chauncey Hawley.

iv. Sally *Hawley*, b. Sept. 1, 1823; m. Aurorah Hayes; d. Sept. 29, 1863. Children: Hiram, Henry, Florella, Estella, Eva, and Watson Hayes.

v. Orpha *Hawley*, b. Feb. 14, 1826; m. Ephraim Post; d. Sept. 2, 1870. Children: Jay, Viets, Loren, Harry, and May Post. The last named is Mrs. May Richards of Cortland, O.

vi. Watson *Hawley*, b. April 10, 1830; m. Lemira Doud; d. July, 1853. One child: Watson Hawley, d. young.

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(Mary or Polly,[5] Abner,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

MARY,[5] or POLLY, VIETS, daughter of Abner, Jr., and Sarah, was born in Granby, Conn., Feb. 25, 1798; married George Sigler, one of the first settlers of Fowler, O., who died Dec. 3, 1837, aged 45. She married, second, Asa Manley, and died July 3, 1876. Daughter:

i. Almira *Sigler*, b. July 12, 1822; d. Sept. 28, 1875; m. Curtis Hall of Fowler, O., who d. Nov. 12, 1898. Daughter: Mary E. Hall, b. Oct. 31, 1843; m. Jan. 1, 1865, Allen Cadwalader; d. July 10, 1874, leaving a son, Elmo Cadwalader, b. July 1, 1874, who m. Irene Strickland April 15, 1900, and has a son, Alfred Cadwalader, b. April 26, 1901. Res. of Allen Cadwalader and family, Oakfield, O.

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(Angeline,[5] Abner,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

ANGELINE[5] VIETS, daughter of Abner, Jr., and Sarah, was born in Granby, Conn., May 4, 1800, and died in Fowler, Trumbull county, O., Sept. 9, 1857. She married, April 4, 1824, Alanson Taylor, the youngest of eight children, born in Great Barrington, Mass., Aug. 24, 1799. Mr. Taylor's father gave him one hundred acres of land in Ohio on condition that he would clear and settle. Across the highway from this land lived Miss Angeline Viets with her married sister, Mrs. Polly Sigler. Here Alanson Taylor boarded, and, being so far from home, naturally planned to have one of his own. Mr. Taylor died at Fowler, March 18, 1842.

CHILDREN.

i. Hannibal *Taylor*, b. July 30, 1825; d. at Neodesha, Wilson county, Kan.
ii. Sarah Ann *Taylor*, b. July 16, 1827; m. ——— Coe, South Newbury, Geauga county, O.
iii. Edgar *Taylor*, b. April 16, 1829; d. in Fowler.
iv. Allison *Taylor*, b. Feb. 4, 1832; res. Traverse City, Mich.
v. Otis *Taylor*, b. March 18, 1834; res. at Fowler, O.

vi. Byron *Taylor*, b. April 15, 1836; res. at Vienna, Trumbull county, O.
vii. Lathrop *Taylor*, b. March 10, 1838; d. at Nashville, Tenn.
viii. Alanson *Taylor*, b. Jan. 20, 1840; res. at Fremont, Newago county, Mich.

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(Byron,[5] Abner,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

BYRON[5] VIETS, son of Abner, Jr., and Sarah, was born in Granby, Conn., Jan. 25, 1802, and died at West Salem, Wis., April 28, 1869, where he was buried in Neshonoc Cemetery. He married, at Fowler, O., April 28, 1828, Milla Kingsley. She was born at Becket, Mass., July 18, 1805, and died at New Whatcom, Wash., April 27, 1893. She was the oldest daughter of John F. and Sabrina (Burchard) Kingsley of Becket.

In early life Byron Viets was a peddler traveling through the South until 1822 when he moved with his mother to Fowler, O., where he owned a store and a large farm, remaining there until about 1845, when, hearing of the glories of Wisconsin, he sold out, and, with his wife, some of the smaller children, and a few household goods, all in a large covered wagon, he journeyed to Wisconsin overland through Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and located at Waupun, Wis., where the youngest of the eight children, Cassius Marcellus, was born Sept. 19, 1845. The family were many months on the road through a wild and unsettled country full of hostile Indians and dangerous animals, and many were the hardships endured. After remaining in Wisconsin a while, they became dissatisfied, and returned to Ohio the way they came. They made the trip back and forth several times, evidently in search of the lost Eldorado, until about 1850, when they located in the lovely La Crosse River valley, the Eden spot of Wisconsin, the place Mr. Viets had so long sought. They settled at Burns first, then at Neshonoc, La Crosse county, on a large farm. Mr. Viets was content to spend the balance of his days here, and his eight children were soon gathered around him in various occupations, mercantile, farming, stock-raising, etc.

In 1859 the railroads began to pierce the rich agricultural regions of Wisconsin. The C. W. and St. Paul, being first

to discover the La Crosse Valley, ran a few miles south of Mr. Viets' farm, and a town was located at West Salem, where he bought a good home, and moved in 1865, and where he died four years later.

Byron Viets and his wife, Milla, were charter members of the First Congregational Church in La Crosse, organized in 1852. "He was a very upright and honorable man, whose word was as good as his bond. He was loved and respected by all who knew him."

CHILDREN.

173. i. Byron Augustus, b. March 14, 1829, at Fowler, O.; d. Feb. 14, 1877.
174. ii. Catharine, b. July 5, 1831; d. Sept. 29, 1876.
175. iii. Apollos Kingsley, b. Oct. 30, 1833; d. Dec. 10, 1888.
176. iv. Leander, b. May 14, 1836; d. April 14, 1895.
177. v. Mary Almira, b. April 3, 1839.
178. vi. Samantha, b. Dec. 13, 1841.
179. vii. John Flavel, b. Jan. 14, 1844.
180. viii. Cassius Marcellus, b. at Waupun, Wis., Sept. 19, 1845.

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(Drayton,[5] Abner,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

DRAYTON[5] VIETS, son of Abner, Jr., and Sarah, was born in Granby, Conn., June 13, 1804; lived for a while in Becket, Mass., and was a farmer in Trumbull county, O., where he died June 19, 1868. He married, Nov. 27, 1827, Caroline Segar of Massachusetts, who was born April 26, 1806, and died Jan. 8, 1881.

CHILDREN.

181. i. Alonzo D., b. Jan. 14, 1829; m. about 1840 Adelia Burgher; farmer; res. at Holton, Mich.
ii. Marcia Ann, b. Feb. 19, 1830; d. Jan. 15, 1835.
182. iii. Oliver O., b. Feb. 7, 1832; d. June 7, 1862.
iv. Emily M., b. June 22, 1834; d. April 22, 1835.
v. Sarah Ann, b. Dec. 14, 1835; d. Aug. 7, 1850.
183. vi. Abner C., b. June 21, 1837; d. July 6, 1871.
184. vii. Orville Dakin, b. July 14, 1838.
viii. James D., b. Feb. 15, 1840; d. Aug. 20, 1840.
185. ix. Dudley L., b. June 21, 1845.
186. x. Henry A., b. May 26, 1847.

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(Oliver,[5] Abner,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

DR. OLIVER[5] VIETS, son of Abner, Jr., and Sarah, born in Granby, Conn.; studied medicine, was a surgeon in the army in the Civil War; was with the army stationed on Mackinac Island, Mich., in Lake Huron; later was at Sackett's Harbor, N. Y.; is said to have lived at Syracuse and at Watertown, N. Y., and to have died in New York not long after the war.

CHILDREN.

i. Henry,
ii. Daughter, m. 1st, Littlefield; 2d, a dentist, and moved to La Crosse, Wis.; cannot be traced.
iii. Oliver, said to have settled at Sackett's Harbor, N. Y.; does not seem to be there now.

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(Lathrop A.,[5] Abner,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

LATHROP A.[5] VIETS, son of Abner, Jr., and Sarah, was born in Granby, Conn., Dec. 2, 1816, and died at Parkers Prairie, Minn., July 16, 1883. He married, Feb. 15, 1836, his cousin, Lavinia Kellogg, daughter of Enoch and Eunice (Viets) Kellogg, who was born in 1814, and died April 6, 1861, at Burns, Wis. He removed about 1850 from Ohio to Burns, La Crosse county, Wis., where he was for many years engaged in mercantile business and farming. He also lived at Wadena and at Parkers Prairie, Minn. He married, second, Julia M. Avery, Oct. 29, 1862.

Children of Lathrop A. and Lavinia Viets:

i. Lavinia, b. March 5, 1837; d. March 20, 1837, at Burns, Wis.
187. ii. Annis, b. March 30, 1838; d. Jan. 18, 1873, at Burns, Wis.
188. iii. Henry Leslie, b. March 18, 1840; d. Oct. 16, 1895.
iv. Eunice, b. March 20, 1842; d. Aug. 19, 1843.

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(Hobart Benoni,[5] Benoni,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

HOBART BENONI[5] VIETS, son of Benoni and Esther (Dewey), was born in Granby, Conn. When a young man he went with his brother, Rudd, to New Harmony, Ind., about

1836. New Harmony was a socialistic community founded by Robert Dale Owen, geologist and naturalist. Hobart Viets lived also in Kentucky. He married, first, Martha Higgins, who died in 1846, and, second, Amelia Higgins, sister of his first wife. Mr. Viets died in 1864.

CHILDREN.

i. Marcia Jane, d. in her seventeenth year.
189. ii. Sarah Frances, b. in 1846.
iii. Robert Rudd, res. at Hazelwood, Ballard County, Ky.
iv. William Hobart, res. at Hazelwood; no response.
190. v. Mary Susan, b. Nov. 29, 1856.
191. vi. John Oscar, b. Jan., 1863.

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(Seymour S.,[5] Samuel,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

SEYMOUR SAMUEL[5] VIETS, son of Samuel and Susan (Pratt), was born in Granby, Conn., May 16, 1800, and died at the home of his daughter, Sophia, near Tariffville in 1886. He married, Nov., 1820, Maria Olds, who was born in Southwick, Mass., Nov., 1800, and died in Forester, Mich., Feb. 6, 1855.

CHILDREN.

i. Samantha, b. 1822; d. 1823.
192. ii. Sophia, b. 1824; d. Jan. 18, 1892.
193. iii. Samuel Willis, b. 1825; d. March 8, 1899.
iv. Alvira, b. 1827; d. 1845; m. Henry H. Olds, a baker of New Haven, Conn.
194. v. Ellen Jane, b. Nov. 23, 1831.
195. vi. William Chauncey, b. May 22, 1834.
vii. Lewis, d. aged ten months.
viii. Laura Ann, d. aged fifteen years.
196. ix. Maria Salome, b. June 4, 1842.
197. x. Cynthia Isabel, b. June 22, 1844; d. Feb. 19, 1901.
198. xi. Mary Susan, b. March 17, 1846; d. May 9, 1886.

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(Susan Jane,[5] Samuel,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

SUSAN JANE[5] VIETS, daughter of Samuel and Susan (Pratt), born July 30, 1814; married Lester Merriman of

Suffield, Conn., who died in middle life. She removed with her family to Melville, Kansas, where she died Oct. 13, 1888.

CHILDREN.

i. William *Merriman.*
ii. Julia Sophia *Merriman,* m., and res. in Oklahoma.
iii. Jasper *Merriman.*
iv. Frank *Merriman.*

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(Mary Louisa,[5] Dan,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

MARY LOUISA[5] VIETS, oldest child of Dan and Beulah (Phelps), born in Granby, Conn., Feb. 15, 1813; married Lemuel Holcomb of North Granby, and died July 14, 1890. Son:

i. Clifton Lemuel *Holcomb,* b. April 17, 1851; m. Luella M. Talmadge. Children: Cecil Talmadge and Mary Luella. They res. in Springfield, Mass.

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(Julia Ann,[5] Dan,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

JULIA ANN[5] VIETS, daughter of Dan and Beulah (Phelps), was born in Granby Aug. 17, 1816, and died May 26, 1897. She married, April 13, 1837, Richardson Griffin, son of Aristarchus Griffin, who was born Nov. 22, 1812, and died May 21, 1898. They resided in Hungary in the town of Granby. Mrs. Griffin was a woman of good feeling and Christian sentiment.

CHILDREN.

i. Jennie Ellen *Griffin,* b. Dec. 4, 1838; attended the Academy at Hancock, Mass.; graduated at the Westfield Normal School, and afterwards took an advanced course; taught twenty-seven years, eleven years in the public schools of Massachusetts, at Westfield, Hadley, and North Sudbury, ten years in a select school and the academy at Granby, five years at the public school in the home district, and one year in an academy at Allen's Grove, Wisconsin; married Dec. 20, 1883, Moses Willard Maynard of North Sudbury, Mass., where they reside.

ii. Alice Josephine *Griffin*, b. May 23, 1849; was educated at a select school in Granby and at the Westfield High School; married Sept. 29, 1869, Halsey Starr Holcombe, a farmer in Granby. Children: Nathaniel and Jessie Alice.

iii. Duane Nelson *Griffin*, b. Dec. 24, 1853; was educated at Westfield High School, Wilbraham Academy, and Boston University; is a minister in the M. E. Church, and has held appointments at Haddam, Unionville and Burlington, Plainville and Farmington, Meriden, Hamden, New Haven, Hartford, and again in New Haven. He is an able preacher and lecturer. He married Jan. 1, 1880, Ada Belle Moore of Montgomery, Mass. Children: Jennie Mabel, Ray Maynard, and Roy Duane.

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(Harriet Newell,[5] Dan,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

HARRIET NEWELL[5] VIETS, daughter of Dan and Beulah (Phelps), was born in Granby Jan. 1, 1818, and died Dec. 20, 1897. She married, first, Gilbert Griffin, son of Aristarchus Griffin of Granby, and, second, Milton Griffin, brother of Gilbert. They resided in Granby.

Children by first marriage:

i. Annis Samantha *Griffin*, b. in Granby Jan. 26, 1842; married March 2, 1863, Oliver L. Holcomb, son of Lemuel Holcomb of North Granby, by his first wife. Children:
   1. Hattie Louisa Holcomb, b. Nov. 23, 1868; m. Oct. 27, 1887, Clement E. Robinson. Children: Etta Louisa, b. Aug. 10, 1888; Ernest Clement, b. Feb. 25, 1894; George Dennis, b. Oct. 23, 1895; Myrtle Fannie, b. June 21, 1899.
   2. Orrie Bell Holcomb, b. Nov. 7, 1872; m. in 1891, Carlton H. Case. Children: Mertie Caroline, b. Dec. 9, 1891; Nellie Calista, b. Feb. 15, 1893.
   3. Frank Oliver Holcomb, b. May 24, 1878; m. Dec. 25, 1900, Jessie M. Morgan.
   4. Minnie Annis Holcomb, b. Feb. 19, 1882.
   5. Bertha May Holcomb, b. Dec. 4, 1885.

ii. Gilbert Benjamin *Griffin*, b. July 13, 1850; m. Sept. 27, 1871, Margaret G. Fleming; resides in Hungary, Granby, Conn. Children:
   1. Fred B. Griffin, b. June 16, 1873; is notary public and in mercantile business at Granby; m. Sept. 11,

1895, Bertha Shattuck. Children: Marion Margret Griffin, b. July 5, 1897; Freda Bertha Griffin, b. June 28, 1900.

2. Charles F. Griffin, b. Dec. 12, 1874.
3. Gertrude M. Griffin, b. Jan. 31, 1878.
4. Emma G. Griffin, b. Dec. 30, 1888.

Children by second marriage:

iii. Arthur Milton *Griffin*, b. July 10, 1857; resides at Hungary in Granby; m. 1st, Dec. 1, 1880, Julia C. Andrus of Granby, who died June 12, 1884, aged 28. Children: Winfield M., b. Nov. 25, 1881; Sadie A., b. Dec. 10, 1883. He m. 2d, Dec. 25, 1884, Helen M. Hubbard of Granville, Mass., b. June 28, 1856. Children: Seymour R. and Allie A., b. Oct. 19, 1885; Roy A., b. Feb. 1, 1890; Alida Jane, b. June 22, 1898.

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(Apollos Phelps,[5] Dan,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

REV. APOLLOS PHELPS[5] VIETS has kindly furnished the following autobiographical sketch, written by him at the age of eighty-one:

I was born in the town of Granby, Conn., on the twentieth of September, 1819. My parents were Dan Viets and Beulah Phelps. My grandparents were Captain Abner and Mary Viets, and Deacon Judah Phelps, and Abigail Bishop. My name was for Captain Apollos Phelps, a maternal uncle. Heredity, environment, and an overruling Providence have shaped the way in which I have been brought. We begin to learn as also to go astray as soon as we be born. My father was a man of parts, but not of thrift, to which he showed an indifference. His varied abilities found demand in the community, sometimes at a distance, which took him much from home, to the neglect of the farm and discomfort of the family. My mother's picture was drawn by a wise king of a former time as one who looked well to the ways of her household, and eating not the bread of idleness. Her worth was not known; she was one of "God's hidden ones," of whom the world is not worthy, and is now a saint in heaven. She overawed me in my tender years with her views of the exceeding sinfulness of sin. She is beyond praise.

REV. APOLLOS PHELPS VIETS.

The family record is of nine children, four sisters older and four brothers younger than myself. Our home was a kind of wayside inn, a resting-place for wayfaring men, where hospitality was dispensed and strangers entertained (possibly angels unawares among them). Surely the Abrahamic spirit made its abode with us.

After home my education was in the common school, but in this my timidity was against me, and I gained very little. It was the same in the winter select schools which I attended two or three terms. I afterwards attended one term at the Hartford Grammar School, and two terms at the Institution at Suffield. In my early school days, "the eyes of my understanding being enlightened," I began to look around for help, and was directed to self-help, which I have ever found to be the best kind of help. So, from the beginning, my education has been of the chimney-corner kind. Unaided, I mastered the various geographies, grammars, arithmetics, algebras, trigonometry, surveying, and botany, — all without a syllable of assistance. I took up Latin and Greek, walking six miles and back weekly to compare notes with a distinguished scholar in these languages. I went to Suffield to more thoroughly perfect myself in these studies, where I think my recitations were more than those of any other student in the institution.

I was from the beginning religiously inclined, and, with my sister, Harriet Newell, held religious services, using the Book of Common Prayer. The atmosphere in which I first breathed was decidedly of a spiritual nature, and all my home surroundings were favorable to spiritual growth. The bending of the infant twig has given direction to my being. The Bible, from the first, has been my text-book, and I believe that I have read it through fully fifty times, once annually for many years. I love the habitation of God's house, the place where his honor dwelleth; there, in my tender years, I received my most precious, as well as my most lasting, impressions. Having been much in the family of Dr. Hiram Preston, who was on from Georgia, he, to my surprise, suggested, advised, and persuaded me to return with him. There I passed three years in teaching. This was a very pleasant sojourn, and made me many friends, who strongly protested

against my leaving, and, but for the existence of slavery, I should have remained.

While in Suffield I made many friends, both in the institution and the community, and was given the place of merit and honor among the speakers appointed for the commencement. Immediately after leaving Suffield I had three invitations to settle with churches, one from Georgia, one from Massachusetts, and one from Canton, Conn., where I went, and was afterwards ordained. On invitation I served the church in Milford, Conn., and on invitation went to the Baptist Church in Hancock, Mass., where I remained twenty years with a noble and very dear people. During my entire pastorate here I was on the school board, and was given almost the entire charge of examining teachers and visiting the schools of the town.

About 1870 a plan was conceived for the settlement of a community in Kansas, called the New Haven Colony. By request and inclination I went out to avail myself of the government offer of a homestead to those who would accept one. The opportunity seemed good for one to till the ground, do gospel work among the pioneers, and secure a good home and refuge for old age. The colony scheme was a failure, but the country good. I enjoyed four years of pioneer life on the prairie, and organized a Baptist Church. For family reasons, and much to my regret, I was compelled to return East.

I do not forget mother earth. My early days and years were spent on a farm, in the woods and fields, among the birds and flowers, in close communion with Him who clothes the grass and paints the lily, and gives life and food to all.

I have written and published to some degree. While in Georgia I was correspondent to the New England *Weekly Review* of Hartford, also to many other publications on various subjects — religious, agricultural, domestic, and economic, both in prose and verse. Many of my contributions have been considered of sufficient merit to be copied into such papers as the *Christian Advocate* of New York, the *Watchman* of Boston, and others. I have published, " Voice of the De-

parted," an essay on Christian patriotism, and "The Cloud-veiled Throne."

I have been something of a traveler, my pilgrimage taking me into twenty-six states and Canada. The strangest land I found was among the Cumberland and adjoining mountains and valleys, a land primeval, and a primitive people, a land of wonders, the greatest of which are its people, which, to be comprehended, must be seen.

Looking back over the way I have come I see it marked by many infirmities, many things unwise and wrong, which I lament, and humbly and sincerely repent. Now, at the age of eighty-one, I am looking for the mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life, "of whom the whole family in heaven and on earth is named."

Apollos Phelps Viets married, Oct. 9, 1848, Henrietta Louisa Webster. She was born in Bethlehem, Conn., June 11, 1830, and is a descendant, in the eighth generation, from John Webster, fifth colonial governor of Connecticut, and mentioned with Mr. Hooker and Mr. Stone among the leading men in the first party of settlers. Mr. and Mrs. Viets reside in Waterbury, Conn. The following tribute is from the pen of Mrs. C. A. C. Hadselle, a former parishioner, and appeared recently in the Pittsfield *Sun:*

HE GIVETH HIS BELOVED SLEEP.

The beautiful poem which was so fitly used by the Rev. Mr. Nickerson, as a finish to the fine tribute paid to the lamented Mrs. William H. Phillips, has an unusual interest to many persons still living in Berkshire county, in that its author, Rev. A. P. Viets, was once prominently identified with the churches, the schools, and the best homes in the community. Responding fifty years ago to the call of the Hancock Baptist church to become its second pastor, he brought to the work the vigor of youth, the enthusiasm of an ardent, hopeful soul, and a brilliancy of mind and intellect that soon made itself felt, not only at home, but in adjacent towns, especially Pittsfield and Williamstown, where he was often called to an exchange of pulpits, and, by that means, made

friends with many of the best people. Prof. Libson, who for years passed his vacation in Hancock, making his home in the pastor's family, and always in his place in the choir, was wont to say that, whether for subject-matter, strength and elegance of diction, or doctrinal soundness, the sermons of Mr. Viets were unsurpassed by any of the noted divines of the day.

Mr. Viets has written much, both prose and verse, but, in his overweening modesty, has resisted all the persuasions of his friends to collect and publish. He and his worthy and accomplished wife, Henrietta Webster, a lineal descendant, by the way, of Connecticut's Governor Webster, are passing a serene old age in their well-appointed home in Waterbury, Conn., where they hold a warm place in the hearts of all who are fortunate enough to know them. That Mr. Viets' mental gifts are unimpaired is proven by the fact that "He Giveth His Beloved Sleep" was written after he had passed his eightieth milestone.

CHILDREN.

i. Ellsworth Phelps Berkley, b. at Milford, Conn., Nov. 12, 1850; drowned at Ansonia July 28, 1867, while clerk in a store. This seeming untimely going of one of much hope and promise brought an overwhelming grief to his family and friends.

ii. Wordsworth Bertrand, b. at Hancock, Mass., Nov. 18, 1854; is a large and prosperous farmer at Grand Ronde, Ore.

iii. John Charles, b. at Hancock, Mass., Nov. 18, 1856; is a clerk for a manufacturing business in Waterbury, Conn.

iv. Mary Louisa, b. at Hancock, June 16, 1858; m. Wilfred L. Horton; res. Waterbury; are telephone operators.

v. Beulah Ruth, b. June 11, 1861; d. Sept. 22, 1861.

vi. Henrietta Claribel, b. at Hancock Nov. 28, 1863; res. Waterbury.

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(Judah Dryden,[5] Dan,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

JUDAH DRYDEN[5] VIETS, son of Dan and Beulah (Phelps), was born in Granby, Feb. 2, 1823; after his marriage he resided for a while in East Granby, where he was engaged in the wheelwright business some twelve years; removed to

Bloomfield, Conn., where he has for many years resided; occupation, farming. He married, Oct. 28, 1846, Caroline E. Rowley, born Jan. 16, 1826, daughter of Silas Rowley, Jr., and Abigail Holcomb. Silas Rowley, Jr., was son of Captain Silas Rowley, a soldier of the Revolution, and he a son of Samuel Rowley, born in 1710, and died in Wintonbury, Bloomfield, aged one hundred and one.

CHILDREN.

199. i. Albert Andrew, b. Dec. 9, 1847.
200. ii. Hattie Phelps, b. April 24, 1856.
201. iii. Minnie Holcomb, b. Aug. 7, 1858.

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(Dan Alexander,[5] Dan,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

DAN ALEXANDER[5] VIETS, son of Dan and Beulah (Phelps), born in Granby Nov. 11, 1824; married, first, Caroline Phelps, daughter of Orson Phelps of East Granby, second, Jane Phelan of West Suffield, third, Mary Jane Getman, who died Nov. 13, 1877, and, fourth, Mrs. Alice Atwood Grant. He has always resided in East Granby, where he has been selectman, and held other offices.

Children by first marriage:

202. i. Walter D., b. 1848; d. in December, 1879.
ii. Fannie.

By second marriage:

203. iii. William Burt, b. in West Suffield, Nov. 22, 1853.

By third marriage:

iv. Emma L., b. Nov. 20, 1860; m. Wm. Tift of Westfield, Mass., where they reside. Daughter: Frances Louise Tift, b. Feb. 19, 1900.
204. v. Hartley A., b. March 28, 1863.
vi. Annis S., b. Jan. 9, 1866; m. Warren Parker, and resides in Westfield, Mass.
vii. Whitney D., b. June 17, 1868; has for several years had charge of Old Newgate prison and copper mines, where he has acted the part of a hospitable host, entertaining visitors at the historic ruins.

205. viii. Willard W., b. July 7, 1870.
ix. Jessie B., b. April 5, 1872.
x. Raynor H., b. July 29, 1875; d. Nov. 25, 1877.

By fourth marriage:

xi. Harry Linwood, b. March, 1885.
xii. Pearl Frederick, b. December, 1887.

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(Joseph Franklin,[5] Dan,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

JOSEPH FRANKLIN[5] VIETS, son of Dan and Beulah (Phelps), was born in Granby Feb. 6, 1827. He owned and occupied, for some years, the farm where Jason R. Viets now lives; afterwards purchased the old Viets place near Newgate, and later bought of his brother, Benjamin E., his father's old homestead, where he has since lived. He married, first, Elizabeth Spencer, daughter of Christopher Spencer. She was born in Homer, N. Y., and died in East Granby July, 1865, aged twenty-nine. Mr. Viets married, second, Oct. 11, 1870, Angeline Chapin, daughter of Hiram Chapin of Granby, where she was born July 11, 1836.

Children by first marriage:

206. i. Lydia Estella, b. Dec. 8, 1857.
207. ii. Clarence Austin, b. Dec. 12, 1859.
iii. Nellie Maria, b. Oct. 27, 1861; d. Aug. 26, 1862.
208. iv. Anna Mary, b. July 6, 1863.

By second marriage:

v. Hiram Chapin, b. Aug. 23, 1871; was for some years proprietor of a store in North Granby; has since been conducting the farm for his father at the old homestead; has held for some years the office of tax collector for the town of East Granby; is treasurer of the Viets Reunion, and was one of the first movers in inaugurating the movement. P. O. address Granby, Conn.

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(Benjamin Erskine,[5] Dan,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

BENJAMIN ERSKINE[5] VIETS, youngest of the nine children of Dan and Beulah (Phelps), was born in the western part of

East Granby, then in the town of Granby, June 12, 1828. He was educated at the district school, at a select school in East Granby, and trained himself at home in mathematics. He has been a farmer of considerable energy and perseverance. In 1869 he purchased a farm in East Granby, formerly owned by Orson Phelps, and later by John Viets and Almerin Pratt. This naturally excellent farm, extending from the top of the mountain across a ridge of upland to the meadows a mile east, was greatly improved under his care. In 1888, leaving the farm in charge of his son, Scott B., he purchased a home on South Street, Suffield, which he improved, and where he now resides.

Mr. Viets was for a time treasurer of the town of East Granby, but usually avoided public life from greater love for other duties. He has, since early life, been connected with the Baptist Church, to which he has been loyal, but for many years aided in supporting the Congregational Church in East Granby where he lived.

Benjamin E. Viets married, Sept. 1, 1853, Anna Hubbard, the youngest of the five children of Benoni and Abigail (Francis) Hubbard, born in Bloomfield, Conn., one mile south of the center, March 18, 1828. Her father, Benoni, was a son of Asa and Submit (Bishop) Hubbard. Asa was a son of Nathaniel and Mary (Cadwell) Hubbard. Nathaniel was a son of John Hubbard, the first of this line to live in Bloomfield, which was then Wintonbury Parish, in the town of Windsor. John came from Hartford to Bloomfield. He was descended from an English family who were among the early settlers of Hartford and Middletown.

Anna Hubbard was educated at the public school, and at the Normal School in New Britain, afterwards teaching for a time. She was a woman of gentle nature, of excellent Christian principle and character, and of correct views of life and duty. She died at her home in East Granby June 27, 1886, in the fifty-ninth year of her age.

Mr. Viets married, second, Lottie M. Merriam of Hartford, daughter of Munson Merriam of West Hartland, where she was born April 19, 1840.

Children of Benjamin E. and Anna H. Viets:

209. i. Francis Hubbard, b. in East Granby, Conn., Sept. 16, 1854.
210. ii. Edward Bradford, b. in East Granby, Jan. 27, 1857.
211. iii. Scott Benjamin, b. in East Granby, May 4, 1859.

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(Levi Clinton,[5] Levi,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

LEVI CLINTON[5] VIETS, the elder of the two sons of Levi and Sarah (Dibble), was born Jan. 17, 1827, in the old house owned and occupied by his grandfather, Captain Abner, and in which his father was born and died. He lived as farmers' children lived in those days, and was sent to school as soon as old enough to attend. The schoolhouse stood about a mile east of the farm, and one-half mile west of the mountain on the road between Granby and East Granby. To use Mr. Viets' own words, "The old schoolhouse was sixteen feet square with posts seven feet high, one door and three windows, and a chimney that came down to the attic floor. The room was ceiled inside with wide, matched pine boards on the sides, and had a floor above and below. Writing desks on the east and west sides extended the length of the room, and by each desk was a bench made of a strong oak slab standing on round, oak legs. The room contained a table, a chair, and an open Franklin stove. The schoolhouse was torn down, and a new one built in 1840. The teachers were good, and the scholars made fair progress. There were two terms in a year, a winter and a summer term of three months each."

When Levi Clinton was thirteen years of age the family encountered a great calamity in the insanity of the mother, who had been with the father the dependence of the family, and between whom and his father, Mr. Viets says, there never passed an unpleasant word. From fourteen to sixteen years of age he attended, during three winter terms, a private school in Granby. In 1844, when seventeen years old, he entered the Connecticut Literary Institution at Suffield, where he attended five terms. He was a good linguist, and read Cæsar and Cicero, but was more interested in mathematics and the natural sciences. He was given credit by his teacher of being

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the best mathematician that ever entered the school. On finishing his course at Suffield he decided not to enter college, as he had little taste for the classics, had already advanced in mathematics further than any college at the time could lead him, and did not feel that he had time for his favorite pastime, scientific research. After teaching school for a time, in 1851 he took the management of his father's large farm in company with his brother Richard, and was thus engaged for five years, building on the place during this period a large barn, and, by contract, the north bridge over the Farmington at Tariffville, making at farming and in the wood and lumber business a fair profit each year.

In 1856 Mr. Viets closed his business partnership with his brother, and made a tour of the West, visiting Chicago, St. Paul, and other points, and making investments at Sioux City, which he reached by mail team from Omaha, returning in November to his home in Granby. In April, 1857, he returned West, Hilton Griffin accompanying him. They reached Iowa City by rail, and went thence by coach to Des Moines and Omaha, where they engaged a peddler with a two-horse team to take them to Sioux City, one hundred and ten miles, traveling much of the way by the bluff roads, as the Missouri was at the highest flood which the oldest inhabitants had ever seen. Mr. Griffin soon returned to Connecticut, but Mr. Viets continued his journey up the Missouri ninety miles beyond the settlements, had some experience with hostile Indians and the measles, and returned as soon as practicable to Sioux City, going thence, after a week of rest, to Dakota City, Neb., a town with two or three small houses. Here he made his home for the remainder of the time which he spent in the West, making investments and engaging in business.

In 1860 Mr. Viets, after getting his business in shape to leave, returned home at the summons of his brother Richard, who was in poor health, and needed his assistance. The following March, 1861, he took a short trip to Washington, D. C., and witnessed the intense excitement which prevailed there at the time; returning to Granby he assisted his brother in carrying on the farm until the latter's death in 1863, and remained at the old homestead until the spring of 1901.

Mr. Viets says that the best period New England farmers have ever had was from 1850 to 1860. He was a staunch republican during the war, but later has reasoned ably against a high protective tariff. Although his business interests have been such as to ally him far more with the capitalist than with the farmer, his sympathies have been with the latter; on the farm most of his work has been done, and the old place was much improved under his care, and by the work of his own hands.

Levi Clinton Viets is now (1901) hale and cheerful at the age of seventy-three, well read, vigorous both in mind and body, a keen, original observer, and a fluent talker. As regards honesty and kindred virtues he is beyond reproach. He has no family, having never married, but has cherished an interest in the ancestral history, and has assisted very much in this work in preserving data and traditions of the Viets family.

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(Gervase,[5] Luke,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

GERVASE[5] VIETS, son of Luke Viets, Jr., and Abigail (Phelps), was born near Newgate in Granby Feb. 4, 1800; resided in the vicinity of his birth, where he was a farmer, and where he died March 15, 1839. He married, Nov. 26, 1823, Esther Phelps, daughter of Shubael, born Dec. 19, 1802, and died June 29, 1864.

CHILDREN.

212. i. Martha Ann, b. Sept. 17, 1824; d. Sept. 12, 1889.
ii. Gervase R., b. Oct. 6, 1826; d. May 8, 1827.
213. iii. Julius G., b. April 29, 1828.
214. iv. Charles R., b. July 15, 1830; d. Oct. 29, 1874.
215. v. Abigail E., b. Oct. 13, 1832; d. May 19, 1873.
216. vi. Virgil E., b. March 17, 1835.
217. vii. Emily V., b. Dec. 9, 1837.

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(Nancy Ann,[5] Luke,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

NANCY ANN[5] VIETS, daughter of Luke, Jr., and Abigail (Phelps), born near Newgate July 3, 1801, married Warren

Case of West Suffield Nov. 26, 1822, and died at her home in West Suffield April 4, 1884. Mr. Case was born April 4, 1791, and died April 30, 1871. He was on guard at Newgate prison for ten years.

CHILDREN.

i. Jarvis W. *Case*, b. Sept. 2, 1823; res. West Suffield; m. Ellen M. Warner, daughter of Curtis and Parmelia Warner. Children: E. Geraldine, m. J. P. Van Gelder, West Suffield; Bertha P., m. J. C. Terrett, Suffield; L. Mabel, Hartley C.

ii. Henry L. *Case*, b. June 13, 1827; d. Feb. 10, 1897.

iii. Catherine Eliza *Case*, b. Nov. 4, 1828; m. Francis Lucas of Hartford, Conn., who died May, 1885. She resides at Providence, R. I.

iv. Mary Jane *Case*, b. Jan. 27, 1830; m. David Hubbard of New York; d. March 12, 1854.

v. Martha Cornelia *Case*, b. June 5, 1832; d. Feb. 18, 1837.

vi. Caroline L. *Case*, b. May 24, 1834; d. Nov. 9, 1835.

vii. Dewitt Clinton *Case*, b. July 22, 1841; d. March 21, 1891; m. Emma J. Johnson, b. in Middletown, Conn., May 22, 1861. Children: Warren Lester, b. Oct. 28, 1882; Ada Ella, Vivian Rachel. Res. West Suffield.

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(Henry W.,[5] Luke,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

HENRY W.[5] VIETS, son of Luke, Jr., and Abigail (Phelps), was born at a farm house near Newgate Sept. 2, 1809, and died Aug. 2, 1840. He married, Nov. 24, 1831, Lucia L. King, born March 13, 1813. She married, second, Julius Phelps, and, third, James Osborne.

Children of Henry W. and Lucia L. Viets:

218. i. William Ansel, b. July 29, 1833.
219. ii. George Luke, b. Sept. 6, 1835.
220. iii. Marietta Louisa, b. Sept. 11, 1837.
221. iv. Henrietta Elizabeth, b. Sept. 6, 1839; d. July 10, 1867.

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(Abigail,[5] Luke,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

ABIGAIL[5] VIETS, daughter of Luke, Jr., and Abigail

(Phelps), born Aug. 6, 1811; married Eaton Phelps, and died March 10, 1835:

CHILDREN.

i. Franklin *Phelps*, b. ; d. aged six years.

ii. Abigail *Phelps*, b. March 4, 1835; d. Jan. 21, 1884; m. Sept. 18, 1853, Joseph A. Root, son of Geo. Root of Woodbridge, Conn. Mr. Root has passed most of his life in Hartford, and now lives in Barkhamsted, Conn. Children:

1. Albert Joseph Root, m. Augusta Swicker and had Ethel, Minnie, and Albert. Res. Hartford, Conn.
2. George Root, d.
3. George Elmer Root.
4. Jennie Abigail Root, m. F. H. Root of New Hartford, Conn. Children: Arthur Joseph, Howard, Georgie E., d.; Raymond Alfred, Ada, Eaton Phelps. Res. Hartford.
5. Hattie Root, d.
6. Edward R. Root, m. Grace Baker and had Olive and Rose. Res. Barkhamsted.
7. Florence Root, m. Charles Baker and had Raymond W. Res. Barkhamsted.

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(Ansel,[5] Luke,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

ANSEL[5] VIETS, son of Luke, Jr., born March 27, 1814; married Sarah Minerva Root June 3, 1838. She was born at New Hartford, Conn., March 6, 1814. They resided during the latter part of their life in Sandisfield, Mass., where they died. Son:

i. Henry Jarvis, b. at Tolland, Mass., Feb. 12, 1844; has been a farmer and successful teacher; m. Anna Hull, who has also been a teacher in the public schools. Residence Sandisfield, Mass.

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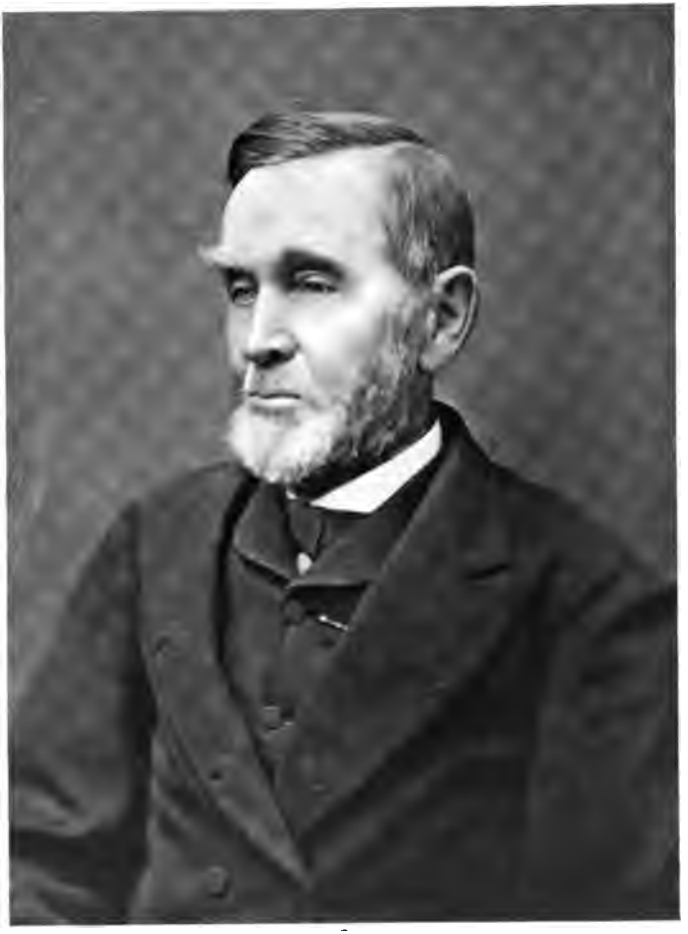
(Jane,[5] Luke,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

JANE VIETS,[5] daughter of Luke, Jr., born May 9, 1816, married Eaton Phelps after the death of his first wife, Abigail, and died Feb. 21, 1889.

CHILDREN.

i. Huldah Sarah *Phelps*, b. March, 1837; d. September, 1864.

ii. Franklin *Phelps*, b. May, 1839; d. February, 1889.



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(Emeline C.,[5] Luke,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

EMELINE C.[5] VIETS, daughter of Luke, Jr., and Abigail (Phelps), born Feb. 2, 1818, married, Nov. 27, 1839, O. P. Case, a well-known merchant of Hartford, born in Barkhamstead, Conn., Nov. 9, 1814, died May 19, 1888. Mrs. Case died March 18, 1895.

Children of Emeline C. and O. P. Case:

i. Horace Orville *Case*, b. July 27, 1841; m. Laura Ann Tucker; res. East Hartford, Conn. Children: Wm. Clarence, b. Feb. 27, 1864; Ernest Lincoln, b. Aug. 22, 1866; Emma Lillian, b. Nov. 14, 1869, d. Dec. 1, 1869; Mabel Delia, b. Nov. 10. 1875.
ii. Sarah Jane *Case*, d. in infancy.
iii. Charles Henry *Case*, b. Sept. 4, 1845; d. Aug. 6, 1867.
iv. James Harper *Case*, b. June 10, 1848.
v. Albert Marcus *Case*, d. in infancy in 1852.
vi. Albert Marcus *Case*, b. Feb. 11, 1854; m. Ella J. Goodhue; res. Hartford, Conn.
vii. Willie Arthur *Case*, d. in infancy.
viii. Freddie Everett *Case*, b. Dec. 16, 1861; d. Dec. 3, 1881.

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(Amoret E.,[5] Luke,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

AMORET E.[5] VIETS, daughter of Luke, Jr., was born May 31, 1821, and married, first, Wells Loomer, second, William Card. She removed to Mexico in 1843, and to California in 1848, and died at San José, Cal., Jan. 29, 1901.

Children by second marriage:

i. William *Card*.
ii. Gertrude Wyoming *Card*, m. James A. Provines, San Jose, Cal.
iii. Nellie Frances *Card*, m. Wm. H. Hough, Elmira, Cal.

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(John Jay,[5] John,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

JOHN JAY[5] VIETS, son of Captain John and Abigail (Eno) was born in East Granby Sept. 22, 1806; was a graduate of Wilbraham Academy, and taught many terms in Simsbury. When a boy he lived one season with his grandfather, Luke

Viets. He was for many years a merchant, and a well-known citizen at East Granby center, where he died Dec. 10, 1885. He married, May 6, 1841, Jane Wadsworth, daughter of Timothy and Mary (Gillette) Wadsworth of Farmington, Conn. She was born Dec. 11, 1824, and died in East Granby Dec. 26, 1885, sixteen days after her husband's demise. She was descended from William Wadsworth, one of the early settlers of Connecticut, who came across the wilderness to Hartford in Mr. Hooker's company. His name is on the monument back of Center Church, Hartford.

CHILDREN.

i. Frank Wadsworth, b. April 6, 1853; d. April 5, 1854.
222. ii. Jennie Abigail, b. March 31, 1855.
223. iii. Carl Jay, b. June 14, 1857.
224. iv. Hubert Wadsworth, b. March 8, 1859.

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(Imlay Bird,[5] John,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

IMLAY BIRD[5] VIETS, son of Captain John and Abigail (Eno), was born in East Granby Dec. 19, 1808, and died Oct. 19, 1875, in New Britain, Conn., where he resided, and where he was engaged for some years in real estate business. He married, first, June 27, 1838, Julietta Hart, daughter of Cyrus and Elizabeth Clark Hart. She died Feb. 23, 1842. He married, second, June 27, 1843, Angeline Hart, sister of his first wife.

Children born in New Britain:

i. John Hart, b. April 8, 1844; d. Feb. 7, 1845.
225. ii. Mary Adelia, b. March 10, 1847.
226. iii. Elnora Julietta, b. July 22, 1849.
iv. Imlay Dumont, b. March 20, 1851; d. Jan. 22, 1857.
v. Annie Elizabeth, b. Feb. 28, 1854; d. June 23, 1854.
227. vi. Ida Eugenie, b. Oct. 29, 1856; d. Dec. 31, 1900.
vii. Angie Lillie, b. June 30, 1859; d. Aug. 2, 1862.
viii. Carrie A., b. Dec. 29, 1863; d. Aug. 5, 1864.

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(Abi Lavinia,[5] John,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

ABI LAVINIA[5] VIETS, daughter of John and Abigail (Eno), born in East Granby April 20, 1810; married, Nov. 10, 1841,

Almerin Pratt. They resided for a time in East Granby, removing in 1869 to Cleveland, O., where Mrs. Pratt died Aug. 26, 1884.

CHILDREN.

i. William Jay *Pratt*, b. April 28, 1842; m. at Painesville, O., Dec. 5, 1872, Mary A. Russell; res. Des Moines, Ia. Children: Russell Jay, Everett S., Anne H., Wm. Jay, Mary Agnes.

ii. Henry *Pratt*, b. 1844; d. 1852.

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(Mary Adelia,[5] John,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

MARY ADELIA[5] VIETS, daughter of John and Abigail Eno Viets, born in East Granby Feb. 19, 1819; married, March 16, 1848, Edward H. Bowers, who died March, 1872. Residence, Hartford, Conn.

CHILDREN.

i. Eddy Rollin *Bowers*, b. Oct. 22, 1849; d. April, 1856.

ii. Alice Augusta *Bowers*, b. Jan. 28, 1852; m. G. R. Clarke. Son: William Davis Clarke, a young man of promise, who died Dec. 27, 1899, aged 21.

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(James Rollin,[5] John,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

JAMES ROLLIN[5] VIETS was born in East Granby, and there died July 14, 1896, in the seventy-fifth year of his age. The following obituary, which appeared in the Hartford *Courant*, gives a truthful and comprehensive sketch of his life:

"In the death of James Rollin Viets, whose funeral was held Thursday at his late residence, the town of East Granby loses one of its most prominent citizens and business men of the valley, one who for a half century has been actively and honorably associated with them. Mr. Viets was born at East Granby Sept. 20, 1821. He was the son of Captain John Viets of the same town, and Abigail Eno of Simsbury. He was descended from Stephen Hart, who came with Hooker from Dorchester to Hartford, and was the first deacon of the Hartford church. He was the great grandson of Captain John Viets, who, when the Revolution broke out, was ap-

pointed the first military keeper of old Newgate prison. Early in life Mr. Viets entered the employ of the firm of Eno & Phelps of New York, which was then composed of his cousins, John Jay Phelps and Amos R. Eno, — the latter of whom is still living. Being anxious to obtain a more liberal education, and cherishing a desire to enter the ministry, he afterwards attended in succession a private school in Amherst, Mass., the Hopkins Grammar School of Hadley, and joined the first class of Williston Seminary, Easthampton, which had just been opened, and where he prepared to enter college in the sophomore class. He later turned again to business pursuits, but always preserved his literary tastes, and was a wide reader of the better literature. After leaving Williston Seminary he bought out his brother, John Jay Viets, and formed a partnership with James O. Allen, lately of Springfield, and a few years later bought the entire interest of his partner, and for about thirty years continued in business alone. He had extensive business relations, and was everywhere recognized as a man of sterling worth, of utmost integrity, honesty, and purity of character. His judgment was often sought, and his counsel was considered safe and wise. He united with the Congregational Church in early life, and for a period of thirty years served as treasurer of the parish. In politics he was an ardent republican. His convictions were clear, deep, and strong. He held slavery, intemperance, gambling, and kindred evils in utter detestation, and did not shrink from the fullest expression of his views. For many years he held the office of postmaster."

It may be added that Deacon Stephen Hart of Hartford, from whom Mr. Viets was descended, came from Braintree, England, and was buried in the burying ground of the Center Church, Hartford, where his name is recorded on the historic monument. Mr. Viets was also descended on his mother's side from James Eno, who came to Windsor in 1670. In common with others of this branch he was descended from William Phelps who settled in Windsor in 1635, and from Ezekiel Phelps who fought in the Revolution.

Mr. Viets married, Sept. 14, 1852, Cordelia Tryphena Rouse of Saratoga Springs, N. Y. Mrs. Viets was the fourth

child of Joel Chapman Rouse and Emily Henderson, and was born Jan. 5, 1827, at Bennington, Vt. Among her ancestors are numbered many of the early settlers in America, several of whom became well known for their distinguished services to their country. She is descended from Caspar Rouse, "yeoman," who came from Paltz, Germany, and settled at Cold Springs on the Hudson about 1730. He was enrolled as one of the first five hundred freeholders in New York state. His son, Jonathan Rouse, resided at Pittstown, Rensselaer county. He was one of the projectors of the Erie Canal, postmaster, judge of the county court, and a member of the New York legislature. Among her natural ancestors were James Breckenridge, a Scotch covenanter who emigrated to Ireland, and in 1720 to America. He was one of the founders of the state of Vermont, served in the militia in 1764, was a member of the Provincial Congress, 1775, and founder of the First Church of Bennington. He was appointed special commissioner to England to settle the boundary claims between New York and Vermont. Another ancestor, Thomas Henderson, married Jerret Breckenridge, daughter of the above; a Scotchman of the Clan of Gunn, on coming to America he settled in Ware, Mass., and served in the French and Indian War in 1757, and was at the battle of Mount Independence. He removed to Bennington, Vt., in 1764, where he bought a large farm at the top of what came to be known as "Henderson Hill," down which the troops marched to fight the memorable battle in which every able-bodied man in town engaged. He served in Captain Elijah Dewey's Company. He was one of the members of the First Church in that town, and shared the "honorable pew" with Deacon Webb. He married Tryphena Sloan, daughter of John Sloan, who served in General Fellows' Brigade, doing duty at Albany, and died Oct. 22, 1778.

Mrs. Viets is also a descendant of Thomas Dewey who came from England in 1633 with the first settlers of Dorchester, Mass., and was one of the founders of Windsor, Conn., and is thus in direct descent from Alfred the Great, William the Conqueror, and other kings of England and Scotland.

Mrs. Viets was educated at the Old Academy, Bennington, and at Troy Female Seminary, which was founded by Emma Willard, the distinguished pioneer of education for women. To this school, its inspiring memories, and its present work, she has cherished a warm devotion. After leaving Troy she taught several private schools, and developed an abiding fondness for the English classics. She is a member of the Congregational Church in East Granby, Conn., of the Emma Willard Association of New York city, and of the Louise St. Clair Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Children of James Rollin and Cordelia (Rouse) Viets:

228. i. John Berthrong, b. June 27, 1853.
229. ii. Helen Mary, b. Aug. 17, 1854.
230. iii. Henry Rouse, b. Feb. 17, 1856.
231. iv. Frederick Henderson, b. July 7, 1858.
232. v. James Rollin, b. Dec. 2, 1860.
233. vi. Arthur Eno, b. Aug. 27, 1864.
234. vii. Emily Henderson, b. Nov. 14, 1865.
viii. Julia Gracie, b. July 14, 1868; d. Nov. 19, 1868.

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(George Watson,[5] George,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

GEORGE WATSON[5] VIETS, son of Captain George and Charlotte (Rice), was born in East Granby Dec. 2, 1809, and died Dec. 1, 1864. He was a farmer, and resided in the stone house built by his father near the schoolhouse on the Granby and East Granby road. He married Delia E. King, who was born June 6, 1810, and died May 24, 1865.

CHILDREN.

235. i. Eliza Ann, b. March 11, 1836; d. Sept. 11, 1895.
ii. Esther Antoinette, b. 1834; d. March 26, 1837, aged three years.
236. iii. George Byron, b. July 17, 1837.
237. iv. Antoinette Cynthia, b. Aug. 7, 1840; d. Feb. 27, 1878.
v. Charles Wilbur, b. July 14, 1844; m. Harriet Hayes, daughter of Wm. Hayes of Granby; res. Napoleon, N. D.
238. vi. Alfred Watson, b. Sept. 30, 1850.

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(Allen,[5] George,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

ALLEN[5] VIETS, son of Captain George and Charlotte

(Rice), was born in East Granby, March 24, 1813, lived on a farm just south of Newgate, where he died Sept. 5, 1848. He married, April 1, 1840, Lorinda Smith, born Dec. 9, 1821.

CHILDREN.

239. i. Seth Allen, b. April 17, 1842.
ii. Laura Lorinda, b. Dec. 7, 1845; d. Aug. 31, 1848.
iii. Harriet Laura, b. Dec. 26, 1847; d. Jan. 4, 1857.

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(Esther K.,[5] George,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

ESTHER K.[5] VIETS, daughter of Captain George and Charlotte (Rice), was born in East Granby June 18, 1816; married Dr. Hiram Preston Oct. 19, 1834, and died at Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 1891, having resided in Syracuse twenty-three years. She was a devout Christian, a member of St. Paul's Cathedral, Episcopal, and led a life of self-sacrifice, devotion, and unostentatious charity.

Dr. Hiram Preston was born in Cazenovia, N. Y., March 14, 1808, and died in Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 21, 1877. Most of his business life was passed in Hartford, Conn., where he practiced dentistry, and made many friends. The following notice of his death is from the Hartford *Times:*

"The announcement of the death of Dr. Hiram Preston will bring back to many in Hartford and vicinity memories of the kindly, honest face of their old friend who practiced dentistry at No. 18 State Street for about twenty years prior to 1864. The doctor came to Hartford a comparative stranger, and soon secured a large practice, and made many warm friends by his genial manners and careful, skillful operations. The columns of the *Times* of 1847-8 occasionally gave to the public articles from his pen on the care of the teeth, and hints as to the means of their preservation; and those articles with added chapters were subsequently published in book form, dedicated by the author " to that portion of the community who think." As a dental instructor Dr. Preston was recommended in 1857 by fifteen regular physicians in Hartford and vicinity, who had employed him professionally as competent to give instruction " in every department of this important but nice and difficult

art"; and later we find among the number who studied under him, Dr. Charles O. Hall, now a resident of Nice, France, and one of the most skillful and successful of the famous dentists of Europe.

About 1863, on account of failing health, Dr. Preston retired from practice, and removed to Auburn, N. Y., and soon decided to make Syracuse his home. There he has lived with abundant means to enjoy life if he had only the one great blessing which money cannot purchase, good health. In hope that a change of air and scene would benefit him the Florida trip was taken."

CHILDREN.

i. A son, b. in 1836; d. in infancy.

ii. Charles *Preston*, b. Aug. 27, 1846; a merchant in Syracuse, N. Y.; married, February, 1876, Ella James of Syracuse.

SIXTH GENERATION.

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(Henry Sheldon,[6] Henry,[5] Henry,[4] Henry,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

HENRY SHELDON[6] VIETS, son of Henry and Sarah (Boise), was born at Huntington, O., Feb. 4, 1839. He married, Dec. 27, 1865, at Kewanee, Ill., Louise Little, daughter of Henry G. and Louise Stoddard Little, and has resided for many years at Grinnell, Iowa, which was also the home of Mrs. Viets' parents.

Mrs. Viets' father, Henry Gilman Little, was born at Goffstown, N. H., in 1813, and died at Grinnell, Iowa, Nov. 3, 1900. He was of Puritan blood. His revolutionary grandfather stood with the "embattled farmers" at Lexington to fire "the shot heard round the world," and numerous earlier ancestors were members of the provincial and colonial congresses and men of influence and standing. In one branch of his mother's ancestry there had been a line of deacons unbroken for a hundred years, and many clergymen of his blood were prominent in the Massachusetts Congregationalism of early days. Mr. Little, leaving home with his parents' blessing at the age of sixteen, lived for a time at Wethersfield, Conn., in the family of his mother's brother, Rev. Dr. Tenney, and afterwards in Newington. He went to Illinois in 1835, and the next year brought a young wife from the comforts of a Connecticut home to dwell in a log cabin of one room. The place where they settled, by the energy of Mr. Little and others, became the thriving city of Kewanee. He was surveyor, teacher, lecturer, builder, and in early days a hunter. He held many public offices, and was considered a man of good judgment and wise counsel.

He removed with his family in 1867 to Grinnell, Iowa, partly for the educational advantages of the place, and partly because he enjoyed using his influence in shaping the char-

acter of a new community. He aided in church and other benevolent work, and was mayor of the city.

Children of Henry Sheldon Viets and Louise Little:

i. Helen Maude, b. Dec. 1, 1866; d. Dec. 23, 1880.
ii. Eddie, b. July 31, 1868; d. in infancy.
iii. Henry Little, b. Nov. 13, 1869.
iv. Mary, b. June 15, 1872; d. in infancy.
v. Sara Elizabeth, b. June 15, 1875.
vi. Louise Stoddard, b. July 25, 1877; d. Nov. 17, 1878.

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(Sara E.,[6] Henry,[5] Henry,[4] Henry,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

SARA ELIZABETH[6] VIETS, daughter of Henry and Sarah (Boise), was born in Ohio Nov. 21, 1844, and married, Sept. 5, 1866, at Oberlin, James Wait Clarke of Cleveland, O., son of Rev. Elbert W. Clarke. They reside at Ashland, Wis.

CHILDREN.

i. Helen Stanley *Clarke*, b. at Cleveland, O., March 7, 1870; d. Jan. 15, 1871.
ii. Edward Wait *Clarke*, b. April 9, 1875; d. April 10, 1875.
iii. Charlotte Louise *Clarke*, b. Sept. 12, 1876; d. Sept. 15, 1876.
iv. Edith Steele *Clarke*, b. Nov. 21, 1877.
v. Alice Viets *Clarke*, b. Nov. 26, 1881; d. Feb. 21, 1884.
vi. Mildred Elizabeth *Clarke*, b. at Bismarck, Dakota, Aug. 16, 1885.

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(Helen Josephine,[6] Henry,[5] Henry,[4] Henry,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

HELEN JOSEPHINE[6] VIETS, daughter of Henry and Samantha (Joslin), was born at Huntington, O., July 24, 1846, and married at Oberlin Dec. 5, 1866, George H. Fairchild, son of President James H. Fairchild of Oberlin College. George H. Fairchild was born Aug. 9, 1844, and died Feb. 9, 1894. Mrs. Fairchild and her daughter Katharine now reside at the old Henry Viets home in Oberlin.

CHILDREN.

i. Gertrude Viets *Fairchild*, b. June 3, 1869; d. Sept. 15, 1870.
ii. A son, b. Aug. 11, 1871, d. in infancy.
iii. Katharine May *Fairchild*, b. Aug. 15, 1881, at Bismarck, N. D.

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(Charlotte Jane,[6] Henry,[5] Henry,[4] Henry,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

CHARLOTTE JANE[6] VIETS, daughter of Henry and Samantha (Joslin), was born at Huntington, O., July 1, 1853, and married at Oberlin Sept. 4, 1877, Dr. Henry Porter of Bismarck, N. D. She died in Bismarck Aug. 6, 18 , and was buried in Oberlin. Dr. Porter resides in Bismarck. Son:

i. Henry Viets *Porter*, b. at Bismarck, May 23, 1881.

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(Mary Punnett,[6] William Atwater,[5] Henry,[4] Henry,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

MARY PUNNETT[6] VIETS, daughter of William A. and Elizabeth (Pennoyer), was born at Fishkill, N. Y., Aug. 4, 1844, and married, Dec. 25, 1867, Madison H. Ferris of Chicago.

CHILDREN.

i. Lowther *Ferris*, m. Maude Merrigold.
ii. Catharine *Ferris*, m. Sidney W. Smith.

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(Sarah J.,[6] Henry M.,[5] Jonathan M.,[4] Jonathan,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

SARAH J.[6] VIETS, daughter of Henry Munsell and Jane (Cook), was born Nov. 28, 1845, and married, Jan. 16, 1877, John L. Van Evra. They reside at West Salem, O.

CHILDREN.

i. Arlington L. *Van Evra.*
ii. Gertrude L. *Van Evra.*

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(Martin H.,[6] Henry M.,[5] Jonathan M.,[4] Jonathan,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

MARTIN H.[6] VIETS, son of Henry Munsell and Jane (Cook), was born at Henrietta, O., Sept. 12, 1849, and married Myrtle M. Bolles March 18, 1874. They reside at Alta Vista, Kan.

CHILDREN.

i. Clara M., b. June 23, 1875, at North Ridgeville, Ohio; m. Nov. 29, 1894, Lewis C. Case.
ii. Nettie B., b. Oct. 1, 1876; m. Feb. 27, 1895, John E. Chitty.
iii. Charles B., b. April 25, 1879, at Albion, Ohio; m. May 2, 1900, Lena Longwardt.
iv. Nellie D., b. Oct. 19, 1881, at Alta Vista, Kansas; d. May 4, 1887.
v. Jennie R., b. Jan. 4, 1884.
vi. Nora J., b. March 16, 1886.
vii. Gertrude M., b. Aug. 7, 1888.

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(Mary E.,[6] Henry M.,[5] Jonathan M.,[4] Jonathan,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

MARY E.[6] VIETS, daughter of Henry M. and Jane (Cook), born Oct. 12, 1854, married Charles A. Stebbins Jan. 29, 1874, and died Jan. 29, 1896.

CHILDREN.

i. Harry *Stebbins.*
ii. Carl *Stebbins.*
iii. Mildred G. *Stebbins.*

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(Maria A.,[6] Henry M.,[5] Jonathan M.,[4] Jonathan,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

MARIA A.[6] VIETS, daughter of Henry M. and Jane (Cook), born May 25, 1856, married Solomon Hull Dec. 27, 1875, and died in July, 1879.

CHILDREN.

i. Winifred A. *Hull.*

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(Jonathan M.,[6] Ezekiel,[5] Jonathan M.,[4] Jonathan,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

JONATHAN MUNSELL[6] VIETS, son of Ezekiel and Catherine Charity (Warner), was born at the old home of his grandfather of the same name at Copper Hill in Suffield, Conn., Sept. 15, 1843; removed to Ohio with his parents in 1849; resided at Elyria, O., and since at Bryan; is a traveling salesman. He married at Elyria Feb. 20, 1868, Elisabeth L. Henson.

CHILDREN.

i. Lawrence Henson, b. Nov. 29, 1868; d. aged 5 years.
240. ii. Leroy Ellsworth, b. July 25, 1871.

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(Chauncey H.,[6] Ezekiel,[5] Jonathan M.,[4] Jonathan,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

CHAUNCEY HASTINGS[6] VIETS, son of Ezekiel and Catherine Charity (Warner), was born June 29, 1848. He resides at Avon, Lorain County, O. In the estimation of his neighbors he is a first-class farmer. He married, July 16, 1874, Annie E. Buck, daughter of John and Elizabeth Buck of Avon, born Nov. 14, 1852.

CHILDREN.

i. Carrie Edna, b. Nov. 20, 1875; m. Howard Walker June 3, 1896, and has children: Albert Walker, b. May 30, 1897, and Jessie Walker, b. Nov. 24, 1898.
ii. Bertha May, b. Aug. 11, 1878.
iii. Nellie Elizabeth, b. March 25, 1883.
iv. Ralph, b. June 29, 1888.
v. Harry, July 28, 1897.

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(Lydia M.,[6] Ezekiel,[5] Jonathan M.,[4] Jonathan,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

LYDIA MARY[6] VIETS, daughter of Ezekiel and Catherine Charity (Warner), was born Jan. 17, 1854, and married, Oct. 2, 1879, James Wallace.

CHILDREN.

i. Cora Eleanor *Wallace*, b. July 5, 1883.
ii. Ralph Robert *Wallace*, b. Dec. 25, 1886.

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(Charles F.,[6] Ezekiel,[5] Jonathan M.,[4] Jonathan,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

CHARLES FREMONT[6] VIETS, son of Ezekiel and Catherine Charity (Warner), was born Sept. 23, 1856, and married Jennie Everett May, 1886. They reside in Grainland, Butte county, Cal.

CHILDREN.

i. Jennie Estelle, b. Feb. 22, 1887.
ii. Viellie Lydia, b. 1893.
iii. Charles,
iv. Josephine Maria, b. 1899.

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(James Duane,[6] James H.,[5] Festus,[4] James,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

JAMES DUANE[6] VIETS, son of James H. and Marilla (Hayes), was born at Copper Hill, East Granby, Feb. 20, 1853; attended Granby Academy, and was in the mill business at West Granby from 1884 to 1893. Since 1894 he has been one of the partners in the S. D. Viets Company, Springfield, Mass. He married, Nov. 12, 1884, Kate Henrietta Reed, born in Granby May 2, 1861, daughter of Wilbert Reed and Henrietta Humphrey, daughter of Lyman Humphrey of Bloomfield, Conn.

CHILDREN.

i. Beula Nora, b. in Granby, July 5, 1890.

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(Samuel David,[6] James H.,[5] Festus,[4] James,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

SAMUEL DAVID[6] VIETS, son of James H. and Marilla (Hayes), was born at Copper Hill, East Granby, Feb. 19, 1868. He attended the Academy at Wilbraham, Mass. Since 1895 he has been engaged in the grain business in Springfield, Mass., and in 1900 organized a corporation known as the S. D. Viets Company; masons' supplies, seeds, fertilizers, hay and grain are parts of the extensive business. He married, Dec. 30, 1896, Gertrude Mary Clark, born at East Granby March 16, 1871, daughter of Benjamin Pinkney Clark, son of Charles P., son of Horace, son of Joel Clark. Mrs. Viets' mother was Myra Allen Smith, daughter of Deacon Benjamin E. Smith.

CHILDREN.

i. Marion Gertrude, b. at Springfield Oct. 29, 1897.

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(Stanley W.,[6] Philo H.,[5] Festus,[4] James,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

STANLEY W.[6] VIETS, son of Philo H. and Almira W. (Clark), was born in Granby Feb. 28, 1859; has been in the printing business in Derby, New Haven, and elsewhere, and is now engaged in the same in New York; married at Birmingham, Conn., Jan. 4, 1881, Mattie P. Otis, daughter of Samuel L. and Maria L. Otis, born at Manchester, Conn., Nov. 27, 1864.

CHILDREN.

i. Stanley L., b. in Birmingham May 16, 1882; d. May 22, 1882.
ii. Marjorie M., b. in Ansonia, Conn., June 9, 1888.
iii. Dorothy, b. Aug. 17, 1893, in New Haven; d. May 30, 1896.

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(Charles,[6] John K.,[5] Roger M.,[4] Roger,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

CHARLES[6] VIETS, son of John K. and Harriet (Martyn), was born at Digby, Nova Scotia, June 21, 1832, and married Ellen Boyle of New Brunswick. He died in Boston in 1878. Mrs. Viets died in Providence, R. I., in 1897.

Children born in Boston:

i. Harriet Eliza, b. in 1856; d. aged 9 years.
ii. Ella Edith, b. May 3, 1858; m. Edward Drowne Williams of the firm, Starkweather & Williams, Providence, R. I., and a descendant in direct line from Roger Williams, founder of Providence. Son: Edward Allen Williams, b. Jan. 16, 1884.

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(Henry Synnott,[6] John K.,[5] Roger M.,[4] Roger,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

HENRY SYNNOTT[6] VIETS, son of John Knutton and Harriet (Martyn), was born at Digby, N. S., April 24, 1836. He married Hannah Isabelle Woodman. They reside in Boston, Mass., where Mr. Viets is superintendent in the car-repairing shops of the New Haven and Hartford Railroad.

CHILDREN.

i. Roger Griswold, b. Jan. 20, 1865; m. Anna B. Woodis.
ii. Harry Augustus, b. Aug. 12, 1866; m. Minnie E. Foster; daug., Gladys, b. 1895.
iii. William Cutler, b. Feb. 24, 1868; res. Boston, Mass.
iv. John Knutton, b. Sept. 18, 1869; m. Minnie M. Magrath; child b. Dec. 24, 1898; d. April 1, 1900.
v. Archibald Maxwell, b. Feb. 1, 1871; d. Sept. 4, 1871.
vi. Mary Harriet, b. June 19, 1872.

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(Edward Martyn,[6] John K.,[5] Roger M.,[4] Roger,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

EDWARD MARTYN[6] VIETS, son of John Knutton and Harriet (Martyn), was born at Digby, Nova Scotia, April 12, 1843. He has been for many years a prominent merchant at Yarmouth, N. S. He married, first, Mary Shaw, and, after her death, Annie Moody, daughter of Rev. John Moody of Yarmouth.

Children by first marriage:

i. Augustus.
ii. Arthur.

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(Sarah Eliza,[6] Botsford,[5] Roger M.,[4] Roger,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

SARAH ELIZA[6] VIETS, daughter of Botsford and Sarah (Martyn), was born at Digby, N. S., Aug. 28, 1837, and married Dr. P. W. Smith.

CHILDREN.

i. Harry A. P. *Smith*, sheriff of Digby County; m. Elizabeth Hughes. Children: Clifford and Violet Smith, aged 6 and 4.
ii. Eliza Viets *Smith*, m. James H. Watson of the English Navy; res. Canterbury, England. Children: Greta M. A. Watson, at school in Upper Norwood, London, and J. Digby Watson, aged about 10, pupil of King's School, Canterbury.

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(John Moore,[6] Botsford,[5] Roger M.,[4] Roger,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

JOHN MOORE[6] VIETS, was born at Digby, N. S., Dec. 11,

1839, and resides at Digby. Occupation, barrister. He married at Liverpool, N. S., June 23, 1870, Jane S. Roberts, Rev. Dr. E. E. B. Nichols performing the ceremony, assisted by Rev. John Abbott, pastor of St. Luke's Church, Halifax.

CHILDREN.

i. Guy Roberts, b. June 29, 1871; manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, in Harbor Glace, N. F.
ii. Harry Augustus, b. Nov. 17, 1873; in business in Brooklyn, N. Y.
iii. John Douglas Willoughby, b. Oct. 4, 1876.
iv. Alexander Griswold, b. April 25, 1878.
v. Robert Botsford, b. Jan. 29, 1880.
vi. Gerald Digby, b. June 2, 1883.
vii. S. E. Kathleen, b. May 14, 1885.
viii. C. Winifred, b. July 31, 1888.

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(Charlotte Marie,[6] Seth,[5] Seth,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

CHARLOTTE MARIE[6] VIETS, daughter of Seth, born at Pawlet, Vt., Nov. 14, 1832; married at Oberlin, O., April 5, 1855, George B. Bailey, who was born at Lowell, Mass., Dec. 22, 1830. Residence, Oberlin, O.

CHILDREN.

i. Ella M. *Bailey*, b. at Oberlin Oct. 18, 1856; m. at Excelsior, Minn., April 30, 1884, Frank B. Wakefield. Children: Cleo, b. at Excelsior, March 21, 1885; Frank B., b. April 27, 1887; Georgia, b. at Seattle, Wash., July 29, 1894; Volney B., b. Aug. 20, 1896.
ii. Clara Bell *Bailey*, b. at Oberlin, July 15, 1860; d. July 23, 1860.
iii. Seth O. *Bailey*, b. at Oberlin, July 26, 1861; m. at Elyria, O., Feb. 4, 1886, Louisa H. Kelly. Children: Merton Wyman, b. at Oberlin, Nov. 22, 1886; Lottie Jane, b. March 8, 1888; Lulu Bell, b. Feb. 27, 1889; George B., b. May 6, 1890.
iv. George B. *Bailey*, Jr., b. at Oberlin Jan. 14, 1868; m. at North Amherst, O., Dec. 22, 1891, Elizabeth K. Merthe. Children: Lowell Omar, b. at Amherst Dec. 22, 1893; d. Aug. 10, 1894; Dortha Bessie, b. at Oberlin April 16, 1896.
v. Maud G. *Bailey*, b. at Oberlin Nov. 23, 1869.

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(Harriet Louisa,[6] Captain Henry,[5] Seth,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

HARRIET LOUISA[6] VIETS, daughter of Captain Henry and Harriet Maria (Shaw), was born at Pawlet, Vt., in 1836, and died in 1882. She married in 1857 Leonard Johnson.

CHILDREN.

i. Wilbur *Johnson*, d. young.
ii. Hattie *Johnson*, d.
iii. Wayland F. *Johnson*; m. in 1886, Mary Burch, and has children: Porter B., b. in 1889, and Harold R., b. in 1900. They res. at West Pawlet, Vt.
iv. Rensselaer *Johnson*, m. in 1884 Flora Moore; has for many years been station agent at Poultney, Vt.
v. Anna A. *Johnson*, b. in 1868; m. about 1885, Gomer Williams, a farmer at Middle Granville, N. Y. Children: Leon, b. 1887; Ella Harriet, b. 1890; and Leslie, b. 1898.

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(Fayette,[6] Henry,[5] Seth,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

FAYETTE[6] VIETS, son of Captain Henry and Harriet Maria (Shaw), was born in 1841; was a farmer at Pawlet, Vt., where he died in 1893. He married in 1861 Lura Davis.

CHILDREN.

241. i. Eugene Fayette, b. 1865.
ii. Ida, b. 1869; m. 1890, D. Eugene Smith. Children: Winifred E. Smith, b. 1894; Stanley K. Smith, b. 1900. Residence, Pawlet, Vt.

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(Martin Henry,[6] Henry,[5] Seth,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

MARTIN HENRY[6] VIETS, son of Captain Henry and Harriet Maria (Shaw), was born at Pawlet, Vt., in 1849. He married Elsie Slade. He has been station agent at Eagle Bridge, N. Y., more than thirty years. Son:

i. Harry Slade, b. 1878.

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(Mandana Lucinda,[6] Rodney,[5] Jesse,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

MANDANA LUCINDA[6] VIETS, daughter of Rev. Rodney and Lucinda (Wood), was born at Conneaut, O., Nov. 13, 1831. She married A. J. Walton of Saybrook, O., July 15, 1849, and died Feb. 10, 1883, deeply lamented by her family and many friends.

CHILDREN.

i. Alice Jane *Walton*, b. Saybrook, O., May 16, 1850; d. Feb. 19, 1851.
ii. Frank E. *Walton*, b. Oct. 13, 1851; d. March 14, 1875.
iii. Ella Roselma *Walton*, b. July 26, 1853; m. at Saybrook, O., April 29, 1877, Frank G. McEwen, a prosperous farmer and stock dealer of Woodbine, Harrison County, Iowa. Children: Grace, b. Feb. 22, 1878, and Verna, b. April 9, 1884.
iv. Carrie May *Walton*, b. Sept. 22, 1860; m. W. R. Shaffer, April 30, 1877. Daug.: Herma A., b. in Saybrook July 18, 1878. They reside in Woodbine, Iowa. Mr. Shaffer is a telegrapher and railroad employee.

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(Byron Mortimer,[6] Rodney,[5] Jesse,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

BYRON MORTIMER[6] VIETS, son of Rev. Rodney and Lucinda (Wood), was born in Conneaut, Ashtabula county, O., Sept. 13, 1833, and died Dec. 28, 1896. He married, March 12, 1856, Abigail Harvey, daughter of Solomon and Orpha (Clark) Harvey, born in Saybrook, O., March 8, 1838, and died Aug. 27, 1899.

"Mr. Viets was a thorough farmer. When the war cry was sounded he was patriotic enough to think it his duty to leave wife and little ones and help defend the rights and honor of his country, and returned with impaired health. By his death, and that of his devoted wife, eight children are left to mourn the irreparable loss. Of these the oldest son enlisted in the standing army; the rest remain together, and cling to the old homestead."

CHILDREN.

i. Maria Alice, b. Nov. 22, 1859; m. Hubert Piper, Cherry Valley, O.; d. Nov. 7, 1878.

ii. Phebe Jane, b. July 7, 1861; d. April 8, 1865.
iii. Frank Elmer, b. Oct. 4, 1863; is in the army.
iv. Ida Parthenia, b. Oct. 16, 1865; m. Frank Miller, Montville, O.; d. Aug. 28, 1893.
v. Wilber Byron, b. May 10, 1867.
vi. Mary Ellen, b. Nov. 3, 1868.
vii. Clara Emeline, b. Nov. 3, 1868.
viii. Florence Vanelia, b. Feb. 10, 1870; d. Oct. 6, 1872.
ix. Edgar Harvey, b. Nov. 8, 1871.
x. Harry Earl, b. July 4, 1873.
xi. Effie Gertrude, b. Feb. 20, 1875.
xii. Winifred Marian, b. Oct. 16, 1877.
xiii. Lee Clark, b. Aug. 10, 1883.

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(Harriet Melissa,[6] Rodney,[5] Jesse,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

HARRIET MELISSA[6] VIETS, daughter of Rev. Rodney and Lucinda (Wood), was born in Ashtabula, O., March 11, 1836, and married David H. Gaylord Feb. 7, 1855. Residence, Geneva, O.

CHILDREN.

i. Herbert Clinton *Gaylord*, b. at Saybrook, O., Oct. 4, 1859; d. March 21, 1862.
ii. Mabel Gertrude *Gaylord*, b. at Geneva, O., Feb. 6, 1861; m. at Painesville, O., Oct. 21, 1880, George H. Brigham. Children: Edith Eleanor, b. March 23, 1882, d. 1884; Lois Mabel; Leon Delos, d. 1898; Jay Clinton; Ralph W.; Ruth Margarite; Philip Earle.
iii. Bertha Alice *Gaylord*, b. March 27, 1865; m. April 17, 1894, Edward N. Smith. Daughter: Florence A., d. in infancy.
iv. Nora Daisy *Gaylord*, b. at Jefferson, O., April 14, 1869; m. Grant Langstaff at Erie, Pa., Aug. 22, 1892. Daughter: Genevra, b. April 1, 1893.
v. Lucy Maria *Gaylord*, b. March 28, 1871; m. Harry C. Ganson at Unionville, O., July 9, 1891. Daughter: Martha b. 1892; d. aged two.
vi. Jerry Lee *Gaylord*, b. at Geneva, O., Nov. 7, 1873.

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(Frank Jesse,[6] Rodney,[5] Jesse,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

COL. FRANK JESSE[6] VIETS, son of Rev. Rodney and Lucinda (Wood), was born at Saybrook, Ashtabula county, O.,

March 12, 1839, and lived there until twenty-one years of age. Then he entered the army, serving as private four months, when he was appointed first lieutenant, serving as such until April, 1864, when he resigned on account of disability. He married, Nov. 30, 1865, Nancy L. Dow of Madison, O. From 1868 to 1870 he was in Kansas and Colorado. In 1870 he moved with his family to North Dakota, and located at Grand Forks. Here he opened the North Western Hotel for the Hudson Bay Company, and afterwards built the Viets House, known for many years as the best hotel in the northwest. He planted what is known as the Viets Addition to Grand Forks, built a grist-mill and saw-mill, the first mills north of Alexandria, Minn., and bought the merchandise business of the Hudson Bay Company at that place. He then went to Minto, North Dakota, and built a large roller flouring mill, and was in an extensive general store for about two years. Going back to Grank Forks he again engaged in the hotel business, and remained there until the winter of 1896, when the grand structure known as the Viets House was burned, entailing a very heavy loss upon its owner, as well as destroying a very profitable business. Within a few months he went to British Columbia and invested the remainder of his fortune in a mine which proved to be very remunerative, and after nearly two years of labor, to which he was unaccustomed, and which caused him to grow old quite perceptibly, he succeeded in disposing of his interest in the mines, exceeding his most sanguine expectations. In the interval from 1880 to 1890 he owned and occupied a fine farm in his native town near Ashtabula, one-half mile from the city limits. While residing there the Loudon Rubber Works was incorporated, in which he became a stockholder with Viets, Southwick & Co. general managers. He has been ever ready to aid in the advancement of any plan to further the interest of any town or city in which his lot has been cast.

Mrs. Viets is a noble type of the true wife, mother, and friend, always ready to assist the sick and afflicted, and to relieve the needy and destitute. She is highly esteemed by all who are favored with her acquaintance. Daughter:

i. Gertrude Dow, b. at Saybrook, Ohio, March 5, 1867; m. in 1885, M. S. Titus, a banker of Minto, N. D., where they reside. Children: Annie G. Titus, b. at Ashtabula, O., in 1887, and Frances E. Titus, b. in Dakota in 1889.

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(Celestia Clarissa,[6] Rodney,[5] Jesse,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

CELESTIA CLARISSA[6] VIETS, daughter of Rev. Rodney and Lucinda (Wood), was born at Saybrook, O., Nov. 6, 1847. She married at Geneva, O., Dec. 28, 1865, Charles H. Cooper, an extensive landowner and farmer in Emerado, Grand Forks county, N. D. They enjoy a beautiful home on Riverside Farm. Mr. Cooper was in the Civil War in the same company with Mrs. Cooper's brother, Col. Frank J. Viets.

CHILDREN.

i. Katie *Cooper*, b. at Saybrook, O., in 1867; d. of malignant diphtheria at the home in North Dakota Jan. 6, 1881.
ii. Herbert D. *Cooper*, b. at Saybrook, Feb. 22, 1869.
iii. Mattie *Cooper*, b. in Cherry Valley, O., in 1873; d. at the home in North Dakota Jan. 6, 1881.
iv. Lotta A. *Cooper*, b. at Cherry Valley February, 1875.
v. Maude Viets *Cooper*, b. in North Dakota Jan. 16, 1879.

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(Durell Fremont,[6] Rodney,[5] Jesse,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

DURELL FREMONT[6] VIETS, son of Rev. Rodney and Lucinda (Wood), was born at Saybrook, O., April 1, 1854, and married Mary M. Perkins in Ashtabula, O., Feb. 25, 1874. He remained at the old homestead with his father and mother until 1881, and then removed to North Dakota, locating near his sister, Mrs. Cooper. Unfortunately for him his wife died within two years after their removal to North Dakota, leaving him and their only child, a boy of eight years, to mourn their loss. Mr. Viets has never ceased to lament her untimely death, for she was his guiding star always. Son:

i. Roy Burdette, b. at Saybrook, O., Aug. 16, 1875.

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(Rollin Burton,[6] Rollin,[5] Jesse,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

ROLLIN BURTON[6] VIETS, son of Rollin and Electa (Brown), was born about 1833; married, first, Lucy Thayer, and, second, ——————. He resides at East Saginaw, Mich.

Son by first marriage:

i. Willis Burton, resided at Sharpsville, Pa., at one time; is now (1900) chemist in charge of a blast furnace at Parryville, Pa. He is married.

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(Philander Dan,[6] Rollin,[5] Jesse,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

PHILANDER DAN[6] VIETS, son of Rollin and Electa (Brown), was born in Ashtabula county, O., in 1836, and died in Evansville, Ind., June 22, 1895. He married in 1859 Eliza Kellogg, still residing at Evansville, which is also the place of residence of all her children.

Philander Dan Viets was left without a father when he was twelve years of age. He went to Covington, Ind., about 1850, where he learned the art of printing, and did his first regular work as compositor on the Cincinnati *Commercial* in 1854. Later he went West; was a printer on the squatter's *Sovereign*, the first newspaper started in Kansas, and removed thence to Warrensburg, Mo. In 1855 he removed to Evansville, Ind., and secured a position on the Evansville *Enquirer*, and later on the *Journal*, where he remained until 1861. In 1863 he received an appointment as Captain of the small gunboat, Moor, which was in the harbor service of Evansville during the war. He was afterwards appointed agent of the Provost Marshal's office under Major Blythe Hines, and served in that capacity until the close of the war, when he was appointed wharfmaster. Later he took the agency of the Evansville, Cairo, and Memphis Steam Packet Company. He was also a steamboat clerk. In 1874 he retired from the river, and accepted a position in the printing office of T. J. Groves, and afterwards in the *Courier* office. Later he was

given the position of river editor of the *Courier*, and afterwards was made city editor. Mr. Viets acted in that capacity until 1891, when he accepted a position on the writing force of the *Standard*. He was a good news gatherer, bright, chatty, and informing. He was an active man of affairs, and well liked. He was elected to the office of justice of the peace a few months before his death by a handsome majority without making a political canvass, trusting to the friendship of those who knew him. He never had a quarrel during his life. "Life is too short to make enemies on a difference of opinion," he would say.

CHILDREN.

242. i. Rollin Sackett, b. Feb. 2, 1860.
ii. Orson Collins, d. in infancy.
243. iii. Charles Fellows, b. Oct. 23, 1865.
iv. Orlantha, b. Dec. 8, 1867; m. in 1887 John Wm. Irons; d. Oct. 16, 1898, leaving one child, Fielding Irons, b. Sept. 9, 1888.
v. Laura, b. Jan. 1, 1872; m. in 1890 Charles V. Meyer. Daughter: Ethel Guyneth Meyer, a bright, beautiful, and talented child, who lived to the age of nine, dying in December, 1899. She possessed remarkable histrionic talent and was a wonder for her age.
vi. Lida G., b. Oct. 6, 1873; m. in 1895, Theodore M. Geupel, now (1900) an officer on a government vessel in the Philippine service.

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(Elliot W.,[6] Rollin,[5] Jesse,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

ELLIOT W.[6] VIETS, son of Rollin and Electa (Brown), was born July 28, 1839. He married, Jan. 12, 1876, Elina Simpson, born Sept. 5, 1851. They keep the Royal Hotel at Colfax, Dunn county, Wis.

CHILDREN.

i. Bertha E., b. Nov. 5, 1877.
ii. Ralph S., b. May 2, 1880.
iii. Jay B., b. Jan. 24, 1888.

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(Jesse L.,[6] Rollin,[5] Jesse,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

JESSE L.[6] VIETS, son of Rollin and Electa (Brown), was

born about 1842. He married Alvira Brown. Residence, Kane, Pa.

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(Andrew Hamlin,[6] Rollin,[5] Jesse,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

ANDREW HAMLIN[6] VIETS, son of Rollin and Electa (Brown), was born in Ohio, and commenced teaching in 1861 at the age of sixteen. He "managed to get the equivalent of a college course by alternately teaching and going to school." He was for a time professor at Jefferson Institute, Ohio. Since 1890 he has held the position of superintendent of United States Indian Schools. He has been in the work as principal or superintendent most of the time for thirty-nine years. He was for a time at Santa Fé, N. M.; is now at Silver Valley, Texas. He married Emma Cadwell. Daughter:

i. J. Grace.

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(Edward Walton,[6] Barzillia G.,[5] Roswell,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

DR. EDWARD WALTON[6] VIETS, son of Barzillia G. and Hannah (Bushnell), was born at Conneaut, O., July 28, 1847. He was educated at the Cleveland Homeopathic Medical College. His life work has been the practice of medicine and surgery, for a time at Lock Haven, Penn., and later at Plymouth, Ind., where he now resides. He married, Feb. 15, 1870, at La Porte, Ind., Ella Munday, daughter of Reuben Munday, a descendant of Lord Elgin of England. Her mother was Eleanor Waeir, of Scotch descent.

CHILDREN.

i. Bessie Munday, b. March 8, 1873; educated at Plymouth, Ind., and at Chicago, Ill., where she has studied the past ten winters.

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(Byron B.,[6] Barzillia G.,[5] Roswell,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

DR. BYRON B.[6] VIETS, son of Barzillia and Hannah

(Bushnell), was born at Conneaut, O., June 2, 1849. He studied at the Homeopathic College, Cleveland, and is professor of ophthalmology and otology in the Cleveland Medical College, oculist to the Huron St. Hospital, and lecturer in the training school for nurses.

Dr. Viets married Katie Matson, daughter of Norman and Charlotte (Viets) Matson of Ottawa, Ill.

CHILDREN.

i. Veronia Evelyn, b. Nov. 2, 1877, at Conneaut, O.; has been thoroughly educated in music, having spent two years in the musical conservatories of this country, and one year in the Royal Conservatory at Dresden, Germany; m. March 29, 1900, Junius Hosford Smith.

ii. Vineta Annah, b. Aug. 20, 1880, at Ashtabula, O.; graduated from the Brown Hathaway School for Young Ladies, June, 1898, and spent one year traveling in Europe.

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(Eva Sophia,[6] Shalor N.,[5] Zopher,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

EVA SOPHIA[6] VIETS, daughter of Shalor N. of Madison, O., and Catharine (Gillett), was born in Ohio May 4, 1864, and married, Dec. 8, 1885, John H. Green.

CHILDREN.

i. Bessie M. *Green*, b. Feb. 4, 1887.
ii. Carl S. *Green*, b. Nov. 8, 1888; d. Oct. 30.
iii. Ruth E. *Green*, b. May 29, 1892.
iv. Lois E. *Green*, b. Jan. 5, 1896.
v. Shalor *Green*, b. June 2, 1898.

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(Jesse M.,[6] Shalor N.,[5] Zopher,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

JESSIE M.[6] VIETS, daughter of Shalor N. and Catharine (Gillett), born in Ohio Aug. 20, 1865; married, Dec. 12, 1885, John T. Collister.

CHILDREN.

i. Nelson C. *Collister*, b. Oct. 29, 1886.
ii. Don *Collister*, b. March 21, 1889.
iii. Viets *Collister*, b. May 31, 1894.
iv. E. Howard *Collister*, b. July 10, 1896; d. Aug. 2, 1896.
v. Hiram A. *Collister*, b. June 16, 1898.

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(Mabel T.,[6] Shalor N.,[5] Zopher,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

MABEL T.[6] VIETS, daughter of Shalor N. and Catharine (Gillett) born in Ohio Oct. 25, 1866; married March 14, 1889, John E. Kent, who died Aug. 19, 1897.

CHILDREN.

i. Mabelle E. *Kent*, b. Oct. 11, 1891.
ii. Nellie Marie *Kent*, b. April 8, 1897.

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(Kathleen L.,[6] Shalor N.,[5] Zopher,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

KATHLEEN L.[6] VIETS, daughter of Shalor N. and Catharine (Gillett), born in Ohio March 16, 1869; married, April 18, 1894, Eugene Prouty.

CHILDREN.

i. E. Royal *Prouty*, b. Feb. 8, 1896.
ii. Ralph H. *Prouty*, b. July 13, 1899.

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(Byron Augustus,[6] Byron,[5] Abner,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

BYRON AUGUSTUS[6] VIETS, son of Byron and Milla (Kingsley), was born at Fowler, O., March 14, 1829, and died at Iola, Kan., Feb. 14, 1877. He married at West Salem, Wis., March 3, 1852, Louisa M. Leonard, born at Minerva, N. Y., June 7, 1833. Her father, Thomas Leonard, was the founder of the city of West Salem, Wis., and one of the principal streets bears his name. Mrs. Louisa M. Viets resides with her daughter, Mrs. Whitcomb, at Kansas City, Mo.

CHILDREN.

i. Olive Emeline, b. Jan. 10, 1854; m. January, 1873, Charles Farrand, and resides at Salt Lake City, Utah.
ii. Ida Viola, b. March 30, 1856; m. March 14, 1885, H. J. Whitcomb, and resides in Kansas City, Mo., where Mr. Whitcomb holds an important position with the C. R. I. &. P. R. R. Daughter: Vera Whitcomb.

iii. Seymour Leonard, b. June 8, 1858; m. July 1, 1895, Louise Roulett; is an artist in Chicago, doing portrait work in pastel; is a musician, has composed considerable music and written words for some.

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(Catharine,[6] Byron,[5] Abner,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

CATHARINE[6] VIETS, daughter of Byron and Milla (Kingsley), was born at Fowler, O., July 5, 1831, and died at West Salem, Wis., Sept. 29, 1876. She was married in 1852 at La Crosse, Wis., by Rev. William Card, to Almanzo Eldred. The latter was born in Otsego county, N. Y., Jan. 26, 1818. He was one of the first settlers of Wisconsin, was the first sheriff of La Crosse county, a hunter and Indian scout, and was made a medicine man by the Winnebago Indians. He is now (1900) residing at West Salem.

CHILDREN.

i. William *Eldred*, b. Aug. 3, 1854; m. May 2, 1875, at La Crosse, Nellie Tiffany; residence West Salem. Children: Jesse, May, and Almanzo Eldred.

ii. Milla *Eldred*, b. Feb. 15, 1857; m. J. D. Howe; residence San Jose, Cal. Children: Lilian, Maud, Mark, Olive, and Ruth Howe.

iii. Milton *Eldred*, b. Jan. 14, 1860.

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(Apollos Kingsley,[6] Byron,[5] Abner,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

APOLLOS KINGSLEY[6] VIETS, son of Byron and Milla (Kingsley), was born at Fowler, O., Oct. 30, 1833, and died at West Salem, Wis., Dec. 10, 1888. He married at Warren, O., July 31, 1859, Aurelia Leete, Rev. J. Everett officiating.

Apollos Kingsley Viets, at the age of about eighteen, was attacked by the California gold fever, and, in company with a large caravan, made the perilous overland journey from Omaha by ox-team, the trip taking from six to nine months. They were often attacked by the Indians, losing a considerable number of their small company. At night they formed their wagons in a circle with the oxen in the center and guards outside. Many are the tales of adventure and hardships told

of this terrible trip, of hand to hand conflicts with the Indians, the war whoop waking them in the dead of night, of days and weeks with little water or food, of the immense herds of buffalo, etc.

After six or seven years in California Mr. Viets returned to the La Crosse valley, and in 1858 went to Ohio, where he married, soon afterwards removing to West Salem, Wis., where he engaged in the mercantile business very successfully. He was also postmaster at the time. In 1863 gold was discovered in the Black Hills, S. D., and Mr. Viets made another overland trip, and, after a year's absence, returned to take charge of his business enterprises at home, where he was a grain dealer, stock buyer, owned a hardware store, and a general store. About 1875 he disposed of his various business interests and opened a drug store, which he ran successfully until the time of his death.

He was considered a good financier, and one whose judgment was sought on important matters. At his death he owned a handsome residence at West Salem, several business blocks, and a fine drug store. He was prominent in masonic circles, being a charter member of the Masonic Lodge in West Salem. He held important town offices and trusts of various nature.

Aurelia Leete Viets, wife of Apollos Kingsley Viets, was born Sept. 24, 1839, a daughter of Dr. George Leete and Jane Chew of Brookfield, O. George Leete was fifth in descent from Governor William Leete of Guilford, Conn., 1639, governor of New Haven and Connecticut colonies, born in Huntingtonshire, Eng., in 1612. The Leete family record goes back without a break to 1209 in the reign of King John.

Aurelia Leete Viets resides at West Salem, where she is interested in the good work of the Congregational Church, and is also a member of the Easter Star Masonic Lodge.

CHILDREN.

i. Carrie Baker, b. July 29, 1860; m. Clayton Leander Viets.

244. ii. Jessie Fremont, b. Feb. 2, 1862.

245. iii. Frank Abner, b. Feb. 2, 1868.

iv. George Byron, b. Oct. 18, 1869; is engaged in mercantile business in West Salem, Wis.; has very kindly furnished records and notes concerning his grandfather, Byron Viets, and descendants.

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(Leander,[6] Byron,[5] Abner,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

LEANDER[6] VIETS, son of Byron and Milla (Kingsley), was born at Fowler, O., May 14, 1836, and died at Augusta, Kan., April 14, 1895. He married, first, Lois Smith, at Fowler, April 27, 1856. He married, second, Ann French in Augusta, Kan., in 1877.

Leander Viets moved to West Salem, Wis., about 1860, where he engaged in the mercantile business until 1870, when he moved to Towanda, Butler county, Kan., and opened a store. In 1879 he moved to Augusta, Kan., where he continued his general store, and owned a large sheep ranch until his death in 1895. He was a very upright and religious man, a church member and a Knight Templar.

Children by first marriage:

246. i. Clayton Leander, b. May 16, 1858.
247. ii. Charles Allison, b. Oct. 26, 1862.
iii. Ernest, b. March, 1870; d. July, 1870.

By second marriage:

iv. Milla K., b. July 31, 1879; d. Oct. 23, 1898, at West Salem, and was buried in Augusta.
v. Arthur J., b. Feb. 9, 1881.
vi. Ethel M., b. July 15, 1885.

The family reside at Augusta, Kan.

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(Mary Almira,[6] Byron,[5] Abner,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

MARY ALMIRA[6] VIETS, daughter of Byron and Milla (Kingsley), was born at Fowler, O., April 3, 1839, and married, March 25, 1856, Hulbert A. Higley in Orangeville, Pa. They reside at New Whatcom, Wash.

CHILDREN.

i. Lenora Erma *Higley*, b. April 26, 1857; m. Dec. 22, 1875, Zalmon O. Martin, Jamestown, N. D.
ii. Warren Apollos *Higley*, b. Sept. 6, 1858.
iii. Emma Jane *Higley*, b. June 11, 1863; m. December, 1888, Ernest E. Martin, Jamestown, N. D.

iv. Florence Pamelia *Higley*, b. Oct. 11, 1866; m. Robert O'Neil Dec. 29, 1891, at New Whatcom.
v. Nellie May *Higley*, b. Jan. 27, 1870.
vi. Marion Julietta *Higley*, b. Dec. 7, 1879.
vii. Samantha Mabel *Higley*, b. May 14, 1882.

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(Samantha,[6] Byron,[5] Abner,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

SAMANTHA[6] VIETS, daughter of Byron and Milla (Kingsley), born at Fowler, O., Dec. 13, 1841, was educated at Oberlin College, and at the age of fifty-two took a course at the San José, Cal., State Normal School, graduating with honor. She has taught some twenty-five years. She married, first, at Bangor, Wis., May 10, 1863, William McGeoch. After his death she married, second, J. H. Ratliff. Residence, Steamboat Springs, Routt county, Col.

Children by first marriage:

i. William Watson *McGeoch*, b. 1864; d. 1895.
ii. Byron Viets *McGeoch*, b. 1871; d. 1895.
iii. J. Douglas *McGeoch*, b. 1875; d. 1896.
iv. Marguerite *McGeoch*, m. J. E. Weaver, son of E. M. Weaver of Windsor Locks, Conn.; res. San José, Cal.

By second marriage:

v. J. Harry *Ratcliff*, b. 1879; has been in Mexico; res. at Steamboat Springs, Col.

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(John Flavel,[6] Byron,[5] Abner,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

JOHN FLAVEL[6] VIETS, son of Byron and Milla (Kingsley), was born at Fowler, O., Jan. 14, 1844, and married at Sparta, Wis., Sept. 20, 1869, Lucy Pitkin, born June 18, 1847, at Barnett, Ill. He was a soldier for the Union in the Civil War. They resided in Wisconsin between 1860 and 1870, then removed to Garner, Ia., and in 1888 to Augusta, Kan., where they now live on a stock ranch.

CHILDREN.

i. Cora E., b. Aug. 6, 1870; m. March 31, 1890, Harry Hammond; res. Augusta, Kan.

ii. Nellie P., b. May 2, 1872; m. Dec. 24, 1890, J. W. McClure; res. Augusta, Kan.
iii. Byron John, b. Sept. 23, 1873.
iv. Lulu L., b. Oct. 31, 1875; m. Oct. 23, 1896, Philip Wilson; res. Wichita, Kan.
v. Zulu Z., b. Oct. 31, 1875; m. Dec. 16, 1896, Firman Pike; res. at Wichita, Kan.
vi. Frank G., b. Aug. 25, 1881.
vii. Milla K., b. July 9, 1883.
viii. Flavel John, b. March 5, 1885.

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(Cassius M.,[6] Byron,[5] Abner,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

CASSIUS MARCELLUS[6] VIETS, son of Byron and Milla (Kingsley), was born Sept. 19, 1845, at Waupun, Wis., on the first visit of his parents to the state. During the early sixties he was on the frontier in Montana, mining and fighting the Indians. He went to Kansas with his brother in 1870, and shortly after to Colorado, where he engaged in stock raising and mining. He is a story teller of frontier life and Indian warfare, and a reader of science. He has done considerable excavating in the cliff dwellings of southwestern Colorado; worked one year for the museum of Harvard University, and one of his collections went to the World's Fair at Chicago. He married, March 15, 1874, Elwelda Olsen at Stonewall, Col. Residence, Antlers, or Rifle, Colorado.

CHILDREN.

i. Lulu, b. July 8, 1875; educated at home by her parents, and spent two years at the State Agricultural College of Colorado studying botany, in which she is well informed; began teaching at the age of sixteen, and has taught in various parts of Colorado ever since; has written articles for leading magazines; m. Sept. 16, 1900, S. A. Keller, Steamboat Springs, Col.
ii. Edna, b. Aug. 17, 1878.
iii. Stanley Oliver, b. Feb. 3, 1882.
iv. Floyd Harvey, b. March 23, 1889.

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(Alonzo D.,[6] Drayton,[5] Abner,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

ALONZO D.[6] VIETS, son of Drayton and Caroline (Segar), was born Jan. 14, 1829. He married Adelia Burgher. He is a farmer at Holton, Michigan.

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(Oliver O.,[6] Drayton,[5] Abner,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

OLIVER O.[6] VIETS, son of Drayton and Caroline (Segar), born Feb. 7, 1832; died June 7, 1862. He married about 1856 Mary Ann Purdy. He was a jeweller. Mrs. Mary Ann Viets now resides at Coldwater, Mich. Son:

248. i. Morey Oliver, b. about 1860; d. at Coldwater, Mich., Dec. 6, 1900.

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(Abner C.,[6] Drayton,[5] Abner,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

ABNER C.[6] VIETS, son of Drayton and Caroline (Segar), born June 21, 1837, died at Fowler, O., in 1871. He married, Jan. 1, 1860, Leonora E. Clark. The family still live at Fowler, O.

CHILDREN.

i. Effie Sarah, b. Jan. 8, 1861; m. 1883, Prof. G. H. Lamb, superintendent of schools, Braddock, Penn. Children: Harold H. Lamb, b. 1886; Mary Lamb, b. 1890.
ii. Carrie Elzaida, b. April 18, 1863; m. 1880, Dio Meikle. Son: Fritz Roy, b. 1881.
iii. Drayton Alonzo, b. Feb. 24, 1866; address Youngstown, O.
249. iv. Leonard Clark, b. Dec. 23, 1868.
250. v. Abner C., b. Nov. 30, 1870.

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(Orville Daken,[6] Drayton,[5] Abner,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

ORVILLE DAKEN[6] VIETS, son of Drayton and Caroline (Segar), was born July 14, 1838. He has been thirty-six years a nursery dealer, doing quite an extensive business in fruit trees, ornamental shrubs, and flowers. Residence, Cortland, Trumbull county, O. He married, first, Dec. 31, 1861, Elzaida B. Terrell, who died Dec. 22, 1875. He married, second, Joana W. Storier, May 3, 1877.

Children by first marriage:

251. i. Savern W., b. Jan. 12, 1864.
ii. Claudias S., b. Aug. 28, 1868; attorney at law.

iii. Ella E., b. Dec. 31, 1870; d. Oct. 28, 1892.

By second marriage:

252. iv. Ward J., b. July 20, 1878; a farmer.

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(Dudley Leroy,[6] Drayton,[5] Abner,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

DUDLEY LEROY[6] VIETS, son of Drayton and Caroline (Segar), was born at Fowler, O., June 21, 1845. He has been a nursery dealer thirty years, doing a large business. Residence, Warren, O. He married, first, March 27, 1872, Emma J. Holcomb, who died Feb. 27, 1876. He married, second, March 15, 1882, Helen J. Fitch.

Children by first marriage:

i. Arthur W., b. Jan. 1, 1873; dealer in nursery stock; res. Warren, O.
ii. Willie W., b. July 11, 1875; is in nursery business; res. Warren, O.

By second marriage:

iii. Eugene Elmo, b. Dec. 26, 1886.
iv. Fred. Clay, b. Feb. 3, 1888.

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(Henry Albert,[6] Drayton,[5] Abner,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

HENRY ALBERT[6] VIETS, son of Drayton and Caroline (Segar), was born May 26, 1847. He resides at the old Viets place, Fowler, O. Address, Nutwood, Trumbull county, O. He married Lucy Clark.

CHILDREN.

253. i. Dudley Van Buren, b. July 11, 1871.
ii. Daisy, b. April 19, 1873; d.
iii. Hattie, b. June 2, 1874; m. Rev. Frank Nichols.
iv. Lottie, b. July 19, 1876; m. Charles Brosius, Fowler, O.
v. Edna L., b. Feb. 21, 1878; m. in 1899 Charles Card. Son: Lawrence Calvin Card, b. April 12, 1900. Res. Youngstown, O.
vi. Nellie, b. Dec. 11, 1880.

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(Annis,[6] Lothrop,[5] Abner,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

ANNIS[6] VIETS, daughter of Lothrop and Lavinia (Kellogg), was born March 30, 1838, at Fowler, O., and died at Burns, Wis., Jan. 18, 1873. She married Barlow B. Cronk Dec. 11, 1859. Their three children are living in South Dakota.

i. Clara *Cronk.*
ii. Eva *Cronk.*
iii. Drayton *Cronk.*

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(Henry Leslie,[6] Lothrop,[5] Abner,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

HENRY LESLIE[6] VIETS, son of Lothrop and Lavinia (Kellogg), was born, presumably, at Fowler, O., March 18, 1840, and died at Parker's Prairie, Minn., Oct. 16, 1895. He married Mary Ann Parker March 10, 1861. Mrs. Viets and her daughter, Daisy, reside at Henning, Minn.

CHILDREN.

254. i. John A., b. Jan. 12, 1863.
255. ii. Lathrop E., b. Nov. 24, 1869.
iii. Daisy Carrie, b. April 4, 1884; is at school at Fergus Falls, Minn.

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(Sarah Frances,[6] Hobart Benoni,[5] Benoni,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

SARAH FRANCES[6] VIETS, daughter of Hobart B. and Martha (Higgins), was born in 1846, presumably at New Harmony, Ind. She married in 1862 ——— Tanner, and resides at Barlow City, Ky.

CHILDREN.

i. Ada Byron *Tanner*, b. Jan. 2, 1863; d. Oct. 10, 1864.
ii. Robert Henry *Tanner*, b. Aug. 6, 1864.
iii. William Elias *Tanner*, b. March 16, 1866.
iv. Jessie Madison *Tanner*, b. Jan. 20, 1868; d. Aug. 2, 1868.
v. Hubert Byrd *Tanner*, b. May 30, 1869.
vi. Minnie Lee *Tanner*, b. March 6, 1871.

vii. George W. *Tanner*, b. Sept. 8, 1873.
viii. Josie *Tanner*, b. Sept. 8, 1873; d. Sept. 3, 1899.
ix. Guss L. *Tanner*, b. May 9, 1875; d. March 1, 1877.
x. Della May *Tanner*, b. Nov. 11, 1877.
xi. Mattie J. *Tanner*, b. Sept. 19, 1879; d. Dec. 1, 1881.
xii. James Francis *Tanner*, b. Nov. 30, 1881.
xiii. Gordon E. *Tanner*, b. Oct. 9, 1884.
xiv. Myrtle Agnes *Tanner*, b. Oct. 9, 1884.
xv. Ward Beecher *Tanner*, b. March 18, 1887.

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(Mary Susan,[6] Hobart B.,[5] Benoni,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

MARY SUSAN[6] VIETS, daughter of Hobart B. and Amelia (Higgins), born Nov. 29, 1856; married in December, 1870, William Renberger, who died ————. Residence, New Harmony, Posey county, Ind. Son:

i. Johnnie Viets *Renberger*, b. June 5, 1874.

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(John Oscar,[6] Hobart B.,[5] Benoni,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

JOHN OSCAR[6] VIETS, son of Hobart B. and Amelia (Higgins), born in Jan., 1863; married in Aug., 1883, Sarah Elizabeth Cox. Residence at or near Stewartsville, Posey county, Ind.

CHILDREN.

i. Hobart, b. March 28, 1885; graduated at the High School, Robb Township, Posey Co., Ind., 1900.
ii. Ishmael, b. Jan. 17, 1890.
iii. Percy, b. July 3, 1893.

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(Sophia A.,[6] Seymour S.,[5] Samuel,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

SOPHIA A.[6] VIETS, daughter of Seymour S. and Maria (Olds), born in 1824; married, first, in Westfield, Mass., Nov. 15, 1840, Edward Merriman, who died Aug. 23, 1860, and, second, Aug. 7, 1865, Wells R. Cook. She died Jan. 18, 1892, at her home in East Granby, near Tariffville.

Children by first marriage:

i. Morton Edward *Merriman*, b. Dec. 27, 1841; d. Dec. 27, 1872.

ii. Celestine Elizabeth *Merriman*, b. May 16, 1844; m. Wm. H. Noll; res. Caughdenoy, Oswego county, N. Y.

iii. Seymour Viets *Merriman*, b. Sept. 14, 1847; res. Syracuse, N. Y.; m. Belle Wright. Daughter: Lillian Gertrude, b. Jan. 25, 1881.

iv. Ellen Alvira *Merriman*, b. Nov. 2, 1849; d. Dec. 23, 1851.

v. Eliza Odell *Merriman*, b. June 11, 1853; d. Sept. 17, 1886; m. Austin P. Stowell of East Granby. Children: Harry, Herbert C., Mabel A., Ruth E.

vi. Elsie Maria *Merriman*, b. Feb. 8, 1855; m. Will Alford; res. Independence, County G, Oklahoma. Children: Roy Frank, Seymour Viets, Howard H., Inez Ruth, Lester Edward.

vii. Kate Luess *Merriman*, b. Oct. 29, 1857; m. first Edwin C. Bates; second Frank Alford; res. Poquonock, Conn. Children: Louis Alfred Bates, b. March 26, 1881; Arthur Wells Bates, b. Dec. 31, 1882; Alden Euclid Alford, b. Nov. 29, 1890; Mary Sophia Alford, b. Jan. 9, 1893; Elsie Merriman Alford, b. April 10, 1895; Alice Viets Alford, b. Aug. 16, 1897; Leon Morton Alford, b. Nov. 20, 1899.

By second marriage:

viii. Nellie Jane *Cook*, b. Aug. 21, 1869; d. Aug. 21, 1876.

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(Samuel Willis,[6] Seymour S.,[5] Samuel,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

SAMUEL WILLIS[6] VIETS, son of Seymour S. and Maria (Olds), was born in Granby, Conn., March, 1825 (or 1828), and married at West Granby June 27, 1850, Caroline Terry, daughter of Stephen Terry and Catharine (Case).

Mr. Viets learned the trade of cabinet-maker in the Windsor chair works, but followed the business of moving buildings with his brother-in-law, Edward Merriman. Later he carried on this business on his own account in Jersey City, New York city, and on Long Island. He moved in 1856 to Michigan, locating at Forester, Sanilac county. He seems to have cultivated a farm near the village, but farming was not his principal business, for he received a salary of $1,800 a year and expenses as superintendent of an important building and

mechanical firm, erecting numerous mills and other buildings, being the architect as well as builder.

In politics he was a life-long democrat. He held the office of clerk and treasurer of Forester township for eighteen years, and was director of the public schools for twenty years. He received little schooling himself, however, having never attended school after he was fourteen years old, but was an extraordinary mathematician, and a great reader. His religious connection was with the Methodist Church. He was a man of high moral character; his word was as good as his bond, and he used no profane language. He was disabled during the later years of his life by a stroke of paralysis, and died March 8, 1899, leaving a widow and seven children, his death being the first break in the family.

CHILDREN.

i. Henrietta, b. April 1, 1851; m. 1871 or 1872 Wm. Brown, an employee of the Grand Trunk R. R.; res. Gorham, N. H.

256. ii. Fred S., b. at Windsor Locks, Conn., Oct. 23, 1854.

iii. Eva J., b. at Forester, Mich., , 1857; m. George Wyllie about 1887; res. at Hammond, N. Y. She was a teacher up to the time of her marriage. Children: Caroline, b. about 1891; Florence, b. about 1894.

iv. Kate M., b. , 1859; m. Arthur M. Dayton, 1887 or 1888; res. Downington, Mich.

v. Florence B., b. , 1863; res. with her mother at Forester.

vi. Carrie M., b. , 1866; m. 1892 Wm. S. Wilton; res. at Lakeport, St. Clair county, Mich.

257. vii. Samuel James, b. Nov. 13, 1869.

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(Ellen Jane,[6] Seymour S.,[5] Samuel,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

ELLEN JANE[6] VIETS, daughter of Seymour S. and Maria (Olds), was born in Becket, Mass., Nov. 23, 1831. She married Charles Anson Smith, son of Joseph Smith of Suffield, Conn., born Oct. 4, 1824, died Oct. 18, 1895. Mrs. Smith and family reside in Suffield.

CHILDREN.

i. Edgar Norwood *Smith*, b. July 2, 1850.
ii. Charles Orville *Smith*, b. Sept. 24, 1853; m. May 15, 1889, Grace Hunting Harvey of Windsor.
iii. Frederic Arthur *Smith*, b. July 25, 1855; m. Cora B. Austin. Children: Raymond C., Grace Hazel.
iv. George Letts *Smith*, b. Oct. 22, 1858; m. Sept. 12, 1899, Vena L. Viets, daughter of Seth A. Viets.
v. Minnie Isabelle *Smith*, b. Nov. 20, 1860; m. Melville E. Hungerford. Children: Harry C., Luella Helen, Edna Viola.

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(William Chauncey,[6] Seymour,[5] Samuel,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

WILLIAM CHAUNCEY[6] VIETS, son of Seymour and Maria (Olds), born May 22, 1834; married, Dec. 1, 1858, at South Windsor, Conn., Harriet S. Chandler, daughter of Professor Samuel C. Chandler. They reside in Suffield, Conn., near Thompsonville.

CHILDREN.

258. i. Hortense Alethea, b. Feb. 23, 1862.
ii. Florentia Cleodora, b. May 24, 1864; m. George A. Douglas, Jr.; res. Suffield.
259. iii. Herbert Leon, b. Jan. 31, 1867.

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(Maria Salome,[6] Seymour,[5] Samuel,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

MARIA SALOME[6] VIETS, daughter of Seymour and Maria (Olds), born June 4, 1842; married, Nov. 13, 1860, Edward M. Capron, son of Benjamin C. and Margaret (Ratcliffe) Capron, born at Albany, N. Y., Dec. 3, 1825. They reside on South Street, Suffield, Conn.

CHILDREN.

i. Charles Elmer *Capron*, b. Aug. 17, 1861.
ii. Florence Anna *Capron*, b. July 1, 1864; m. Charles M. Haynes of Springfield. Daughter: Hazel O. Haynes.
iii. Benjamin Seymour *Capron*, b. April 19, 1873.

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(Cynthia Isabel,[6] Seymour,[5] Samuel,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

CYNTHIA ISABEL[6] VIETS, daughter of Seymour and Maria (Olds), was born June 22, 1844; married James McCormick, and died at her home in Windsor, Conn., Feb. 19, 1901.

CHILDREN.

i. Bertha Viets *McCormick*, b. Oct. 22, 1866.
ii. Agnes Gertrude *McCormick*, b. Aug. 5, 1871.
iii. Robert James *McCormick*, b. February, 1875.
iv. Ralph Hamilton *McCormick*, b. March 14, 1886.

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(Mary Susan,[6] Seymour,[5] Samuel,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

MARY SUSAN[6] VIETS, daughter of Seymour and Maria (Olds), born March 17, 1846; married Frederick Chilson House of Poquonock in Windsor, Conn. Mrs. House died May 9, 1886.

CHILDREN.

i. Albert Hammond *House*, b. June 12, 1870; m. Jennie A. Simons; res. Poquonock, Conn.
ii. Ida May *House*, b. May 15, 1876; m. Herbert N. Cotton.

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(Albert Andrew,[6] Judah D.,[5] Dan,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

ALBERT ANDREW[6] VIETS, son of Judah D. and Caroline (Rowley), was born Dec. 9, 1847. He married, Sept. 29, 1868, Mary C. Rowley, daughter of Hezekiah L. Rowley, born in Bloomfield Feb. 8, 1849. Albert A. Viets has passed the greater part of his life in Bloomfield, Conn., where he now resides. He is active in the Congregational Church, and in other organizations which seek the public good. Daughter:

i. May Alberta, b. Sept. 27, 1871; m. Herbert L. Risley of East Hartford; d. Feb. 12, 1898. She was much loved and deeply lamented by her family and friends.

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(Hattie Phelps,[6] Judah D.,[5] Dan.,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

HATTIE PHELPS[6] VIETS, daughter of Judah D. and Caroline (Rowley), was born April 24, 1856. She taught school for several years in the home district in Bloomfield, and was a good and successful teacher. She married, Dec. 3, 1885, James Loomis Rowley, son of Hezekiah L. Rowley. Son:

i. Herman Jay *Rowley*, b. in Bloomfield Oct. 31, 1886.

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(Minnie Holcomb,[6] Judah D.,[5] Dan,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

MINNIE HOLCOMB[6] VIETS, daughter of Judah Dryden and Caroline (Rowley), born Aug. 7, 1858; married, Feb. 17, 1886, Dwight C. Newberry, born May 31, 1853, son of Chauncey Newberry, and eighth in line from Thomas Newberry, an early settler of Connecticut. He has been a farmer in Bloomfield, and represented the town in the legislature in 1890 and 1901. Residence, Hartford, Conn.

CHILDREN.

i. Frederick Chauncey *Newberry*, b. March 5, 1887.
ii. Abbie Rose *Newberry*, b. Nov. 22, 1888.
iii. Inez Harriet *Newberry*, b. Jan. 4, 1890.
iv. Nellie Caroline *Newberry*, b. Oct. 17, 1893.
v. May Viola *Newberry*, b. Sept. 17, 1895.
vi. Rose Allien *Newberry*, b. Sept. 16, 1900.

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(Walter D.,[6] Dan A.,[5] Dan,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

WALTER D.[6] VIETS, son of Dan A. and Caroline (Phelps), was born in 1848, and died in 1879. He kept the hotel in East Granby for some years, and ran the stage route between that place and Hartford. He was afterwards a traveling agent. He married Adelaide Griffin, daughter of Milton Griffin by his first wife, and brought up in the family of James H. Viets. She was born in 1851, and died about 1897.

CHILDREN.

i. Carrie, b. April 25, 1869; m. Fred Damon; res. Holyoke, Mass.
ii. Ralph Waldo, b. about 1878; has been clerk in a hotel in Boston.

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(William Burt,[6] Dan A.,[5] Dan,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

WILLIAM BURT[6] VIETS, son of Dan A. and Jane (Phelan), was born in West Suffield, Conn., Nov. 22, 1853. He lived for a time in West Suffield and Thompsonville, and later, for some years, in Worthington, Mass. For some years he has conducted a dairy farm at Tatham, West Springfield, where he now resides. He married Louise M. Wright of Worthington, Mass., born May 6, 1858. Children born in Worthington, and now residing in West Springfield:

i. Burdette William, b. Jan. 21, 1875; m. Jennie L. McClaflin, who d. November, 1899.
ii. Nettie Louise, b. May 4, 1876; m. April 16, 1895, Dennis C. Bryan, who died Aug. 31, 1897. Daughter: Vivian Viets Bryan, b. Feb. 12, 1897; d. July, 1899.
iii. Robert John, b. Dec. 26, 1880.
iv. Clifton Marsh, b. April 18, 1884.

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(Hartley A.,[6] Dan A.,[5] Dan,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

HARTLEY ALEXANDER[6] VIETS, son of Dan A. and Mary J. (Getman), was born in East Granby March 28, 1863, and married, Nov. 28, 1889, Anna E. McNamara, born Aug. 6, 1863. They reside in East Granby at the Falls.

CHILDREN.

i. John Hartley, b. Aug. 21, 1891.
ii. Fred Whitney, b. Feb. 25, 1893.

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(Willard Wesley,[6] Dan A.,[5] Dan,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

WILLARD WESLEY[6] VIETS, son of Dan A. and Mary J. (Getman), was born at East Granby July 7, 1870. He mar-

ried Mary Alice, daughter of David Wilson of Simsbury, Conn., born June 17, 1869. He is a farmer in East Granby, has been on the board of selectmen for East Granby since 1895, and first selectman since 1897.

CHILDREN.

i. David Alexander, b. May 20, 1889.
ii. Dan Willard, b. March 20, 1895.

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(Lydia Estella,[6] Joseph F.,[5] Dan,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

LYDIA ESTELLA[6] VIETS, daughter of Joseph F. and Elisabeth (Spencer), was born in East Granby Dec. 8, 1857, and married John B. Parker, a farmer of Poquonock in Windsor, born Feb. 14, 1852, at East Windsor, Conn.

CHILDREN.

i. Mary Estella *Parker*, b. Aug. 7, 1880; d. April 14, 1897.
ii. John Robert *Parker*, b. June 29, 1884; in the class of 1902 at the Windsor High School.
iii. Ervine Franklin *Parker*, b. June 9, 1889.

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(Clarence Austin,[6] Joseph F.,[5] Dan,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

CLARENCE AUSTIN[6] VIETS, son of Joseph F. and Elisabeth (Spencer), was born in East Granby, Conn., Dec. 12, 1859. He married in Simsbury, Dec. 8, 1888, Mrs. Nellie (Corey) Hayes. Residence, Hartford, Conn.

CHILDREN.

i. Clara Elisabeth, b. Sept. 6, 1889.
ii. Bertha Louisa, b. Sept. 18, 1890.

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(Anna Mary,[6] Joseph F.,[5] Dan,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

ANNA MARY[6] VIETS, daughter of Joseph F. and Elisabeth (Spencer), was born in East Granby July 6, 1863. She passed the early portion of her life with her aunt, Annis Griffin

at West Suffield, and married, first, Fred Bradley of New Haven, and, second, Frank H. Dibble of East Granby.

CHILDREN.

i. Annis *Bradley*, b. Sept. 13, 1880; m. John Corey. Son: Willie.
ii. Susan Louise *Dibble*, b. July 24, 1884.
iii. Lottie Viola *Dibble*, b. Dec. 23, 1885.

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(Francis Hubbard,[6] Benj. E.,[5] Dan,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

FRANCIS HUBBARD[6] VIETS, son of Benjamin Erskine and Anna (Hubbard), was born in Granby, Conn., Sept. 16, 1854. The place of his birth, and the home of the family during the first fourteen years of his life, was situated in the western part of the present town of East Granby, the region affording a pleasing variety of wood, meadow, hill, and stream, while the ruins of old Newgate were seen on the hill a mile distant to the northeast. He passed the early part of his life attending school and doing farm work, most of which he enjoyed, not the least the lunch taken into the field. He attended with the family during his early years the Baptist Church at Tariffville three miles distant, occasionally going to the Episcopal, the church of his grandfather Viets. He spent the summer of 1865 at the home of his grandfather Hubbard in Bloomfield, and well remembers the coming home of his cousins, Jasper Goodrich and Henry Hubbard, from the war, the former from the southern army, the latter from the northern. When he was fourteen years of age the family moved to the eastern part of the town. As a scholar he was not remarkably easy to learn, but was gifted with considerable perseverance. He taught at his old home school in East Granby during the winter of 1872-3, taking great delight in his work, and in the progress of his pupils. Entering the Connecticut Literary Institution at Suffield, he took the first prize for excellence in declamation in 1874, and the first prize for excellence in debate in 1875, speaking on the affirmative of the question, "Were the political views of Hamilton wiser than those of Jefferson?"

Yours truly
Francis H Vietz

He graduated in June, 1875, at the head of a class of eleven, and delivered the valedictory address. He entered Brown University the following September, and graduated in 1879 with the degree of A.B. He then pursued the theological course at Yale University, and graduated in 1882 with the degree of B.D., having presented a thesis on the subject: Theories of the Atonement. He ministered for sixteen weeks during the summer vacation of 1880 for the Congregational Church at North Wolfborough, N. H. During the summer vacation of 1881, and the school year following, he ministered to the Baptist Church in Easton, Conn. On graduating at Yale in May, 1882, he accepted a call to the Congregational Church in Riverton, Conn., a pleasant and thriving village among the Litchfield hills, with an interesting people, where he was ordained the following October. He delivered the alumni poem at the Connecticut Literary Institution, Suffield, at the anniversary of 1883. After a ministry of five years at Riverton he accepted a call in May, 1887, to the two Congregational churches of East and North Woodstock, Conn., where he remained in charge of two parishes for nearly twelve years, receiving into the churches during this period one hundred new members; and during the last seven years was an active member of the school board of Woodstock. Concluding his services for the Woodstock churches March 1, 1899, he accepted a cordial invitation the following September to minister to the Congregational Church of Buckingham, Conn., and while here took up the pleasing work of preparing a genealogy of the Viets family.

Francis H. Viets married, May 23, 1883, Mary Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Amos D. and Maria (Waterman) Smith, born in Providence, R. I., Dec. 12, 1857. Amos D. Smith was a son of Isaac and Mary (Fargo) Smith of East Schuyler, Herkimer county, N. Y. He was a brass founder in Providence, where he died Feb. 12, 1895, aged seventy-two. He was in the Civil War, in a regimental band, in the R. I. Eleventh Regiment, Company I.

Amos D. Smith married Maria Waterman Oct. 27, 1851. She was one of nine children of William Waterman, for

twenty-nine years treasurer of the town of Johnston, R. I., a lady of gentle bearing and exemplary character and life, a descendant of Roger Williams, founder of Providence, and one of the first advocates of religious liberty. She died in Providence April 4, 1900, at the age of eighty-one.

Mary Elizabeth Smith graduated at the Providence High School in 1876, and at the Rhode Island State Normal School in 1879, after which she taught four years in one of the grammar schools of Providence with gratifying success.

CHILDREN.

i. Marion Amelia, b. at East Woodstock, Conn., Nov. 21, 1887; graduated from the Normal Grammar School, Providence, June, 1901; is in the high school.
ii. Ruby Elizabeth, b. at East Woodstock, Conn., March 5, 1889; graduated from the Normal Grammar School, Providence, June, 1901; is in the high school.
iii. Paul Winthrop, b. at East Woodstock, Conn., April 18, 1894.

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(Edward Bradford,[6] Benj. E.,[5] Dan,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

EDWARD BRADFORD[6] VIETS, son of Benjamin E. and Anna (Hubbard), was born in Granby Jan. 27, 1857. He was educated at the public schools, and at the Connecticut Literary Institution at Suffield, but more completely in business and in the school of life, where he was an apt learner. He went at the age of twenty-one to Hartford, where he was in business for several years. Later he made a tour of the southern states with his cousin, Jasper Goodrich. For several years subsequent to 1880 he was conductor on the street cars in Chicago, and later has been in business in the same city. He married at Joliet, Ill., Aug. 17, 1886, Dr. Lewis of the Central Presbyterian Church officiating, Lillie Melissa Boardman Maxwell, daughter of George Henry Maxwell of Boston and Melissa Tryphena Matteson of Chautauqua, N. Y., whose grandfathers, Matteson and Whitford, were Revolutionary soldiers, and both lived on farms at Chautauqua Lake. Mrs. Viets' father, George Henry Maxwell, was the second son of

Edward Maxwell of Edinburgh, Scotland, and Nancy Boardman of Boston, Mass.; the former, coming to America with his parents, settled in Maine at Bethel, Wells, and Maxwell.

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(Scott Benj.,[6] Benj. E.,[5] Dan,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

SCOTT BENJAMIN[6] VIETS, son of Benjamin E. and Anna (Hubbard), was born in East Granby May 4, 1859. He attended a few terms at the Connecticut Literary Institution at Suffield; was in the employ of a manufacturing firm in Waterbury, Conn., for a time, and has since resided at the old homestead in East Granby, where he has conducted the farm. He married in 1882 Chloe Marietta Viets, daughter of William A. Viets of East Granby.

CHILDREN.

i. Ethel May, b. in East Granby June 26, 1883.
ii. Bernice Lucia, b. Dec. 14, 1885; is in the high school at Windsor, Conn.
iii. Dorothy Phelps, b. Feb. 4, 1892.

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(Martha Ann,[6] Gervase,[5] Luke,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

MARTHA ANN[6] VIETS, daughter of Gervase and Esther (Phelps), was born in Granby Sept. 17, 1824, and died Sept. 12, 1889. She married, May 6, 1846, Apollos P. Griffin, born in 1821, and died in 1878. They resided at Hungary in Granby.

CHILDREN.

i. Marcus A. *Griffin*, b. April 26, 1847; m. Nov. 7, 1871, Evelina A. Cushman. Children:
   (*a*) Milo Cushman Griffin, b. Aug. 7, 1873; m. Guretha Ina Moore.
   (*b*) Carl Viets Griffin, b. Dec. 19, 1875; m. Effie Aldrich.
   (*c*) Henry Apollos Griffin, b. Aug. 24, 1879.
   (*d*) Gertrude Lorena Griffin, b. Dec. 19, 1886.
ii. Milo *Griffin*, b. June 28, 1849; drowned July 15, 1857.

iii. Ida *Griffin*, b. March, 1855; d. April 12, 1878; m. March, 1873, Wilbur Holcomb. Daughter: Ida Gertrude Holcomb, b. March, 1878; m. Charles W. Eddy.
iv. Gertrude *Griffin*, b. Dec. 25, 1856; d. April 13, 1878.

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(Julius G.,[6] Gervase,[5] Luke,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

JULIUS G.[6] VIETS, son of Gervase and Esther (Phelps), was born in Granby April 29, 1828. He is a farmer residing in Hungary in Granby. He married, Jan. 1, 1852, Mary P. Gillett, daughter of Horace Gillett and Agnes Whitney of Southwick, Mass. She was descended on the Whitney line from Lois Viets, who married Jonathan Buttles in 1768. She died Feb. 6, 1899.

CHILDREN.

260. i. Henry Gervase, b. July 3, 1855.
ii. Nellie Agnes, b. Sept. 30, 1858; d. Nov. 2, 1860.
iii. Mary Florence, b. Feb. 18, 1868; m. Almond B. Phelps of East Granby. She d. Aug. 9, 1898, leaving two children: Nellie Esther, b. Oct. 20, 1887, and Mary Viets, b. Aug. 9, 1898, who has always lived with her uncle, Henry G. Viets.

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(Charles R.,[6] Gervase,[5] Luke,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1]

CHARLES R.[6] VIETS, son of Gervase and Esther (Phelps), was born in Granby July 15, 1830, and died at his home near Copper Hill Oct. 29, 1874. He married, Nov. 10, 1853, Harriet Griffin, daughter of Aristarchus Griffin of Granby.

CHILDREN.

261. i. Gervase Aristarchus, b. July 6, 1856.
262. ii. George Charles, b. May 13, 1864.
iii. Esther Jael, b. Aug. 9, 1868; d. Feb. 9, 1869.

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(Abigail E.,[6] Gervase,[5] Luke,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

ABIGAIL EMELINE[6] VIETS, daughter of Gervase and Esther

(Phelps), was born Oct. 13, 1832, and died May 19, 1873. She married, Jan. 1, 1852, William H. Jenkins, born Oct. 11, 1826.

CHILDREN.

i. Emma J. *Jenkins*, b. April 26, 1853; m. June 3, 1874, E. Whitney. Children: Harry J., b. Dec. 17, 1876; Albert C., b. March 28, 1879; John Henry, b. Feb. 6, 1885.

ii. Mary C. *Jenkins*, b. July 18, 1860; m. June 4, 1884, Anson Quincy Perkins, b. Oct. 27, 1851. Children: Lucy Abigail, b. July 4, 1885, and Charles Lewis, b. Jan. 1, 1888.

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(Virgil Eaton,[6] Gervase,[5] Luke,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

VIRGIL EATON[6] VIETS, son of Gervase and Esther (Phelps), was born in Granby March 17, 1835. He resides at the old Viets place at Newgate, the home of Captain John Viets, and afterwards of his son Luke. He served the state in the General Assembly in 1876. He married, Jan. 1, 1861, Mary Wilcox, daughter of Hiram Wilcox of Granby and his wife, Mary Gillett of Southwick, Mass.

CHILDREN.

i. Everett, b. July 17, 1863; d. Aug. 24, 1870.

263. ii. Hiram Wilcox, b. May 23, 1866.

iii. Clarabelle T., b. March 17, 1871; at school two years at Wilbraham, Mass., and graduated from the High School, Westfield, afterwards attending a year at Mount Holyoke College; has been teaching since 1895.

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(Emily V.,[6] Gervase,[5] Luke,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

EMILY V.[6] VIETS, daughter of Gervase and Esther (Phelps), was born Dec. 9, 1837, and married March 16, 1863, Oliver Gabriel, born April 10, 1832, son of Phineas and Fannie (Wilcox) Gabriel of Suffield, Conn. They reside at Avon, Conn.

CHILDREN.

i. George H. *Gabriel*, b. Nov. 2, 1864.

ii. Fannie E. *Gabriel*, b. July 22, 1866.

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(William Ansel,[6] Henry W.,[5] Luke,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

WILLIAM ANSEL[6] VIETS, son of Henry W. and Lucia L. (King), was born in Granby July 29, 1833. He is a farmer, residing at East Granby Center; has been first selectman of the town for twelve consecutive years. He married, April 24, 1859, Sarah F. Alderman, born Nov. 24, 1839, daughter of Solomon F. Alderman, son of Harvey Alderman and Sally Holcomb of East Granby. Mrs. Viets' mother was Elizabeth F. Hastings of Suffield.

CHILDREN.

i. Chloe Marietta, b. June 21, 1860; m. Scott B. Viets.
264. ii. Charles Palmer, b. June 2, 1863.
iii. Alice Elizabeth, b. June 28, 1874; m. Nov. 10, 1897, James B. Rose of Suffield. Son: Waldo James Rose, b. Aug. 22, 1899; d. Dec. 26, 1901.

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(George Luke,[6] Henry W.,[5] Luke,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

GEORGE LUKE[6] VIETS, son of Henry W. and Lucia L. (King), was born in Granby Sept. 6, 1835; resides in East Granby; represented his town in the legislature in 1897, and has filled several town offices. He married, April 11, 1865, Virginia G., daughter of Anson Bates of East Granby. Mr. Bates practiced law about thirty years before retiring to his farm in East Granby. He married Louisa Garnett at Richmond, Va. Their daughter, Mrs. Viets, was born Feb. 8, 1845, and died July 6, 1889.

CHILDREN.

i. Ella Louisa, b. Dec. 28, 1867; d. Sept. 24, 1886.
ii. Georgie Bates, b. Nov. 21, 1870; attended school two years at the Connecticut Literary Institution, Suffield, three years at the McLean Seminary, Simsbury, where she graduated, and studied two years in New Britain. She is a teacher at Montclair, N. J.
iii. Clara Marietta, b. Jan. 7, 1878; educated at the Connecticut Literary Institution.
iv. Bertha May, b. July 15, 1881.

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(Marietta Louisa,[6] Henry W.,[5] Luke,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

MARIETTA LOUISA[6] VIETS, daughter of Henry W. and Lucia (King), was born Sept. 11, 1837, and married, May 2, 1860, George Hiram Griswold. Residence, Windsor, Conn.

CHILDREN.

i. Dexter Hudson *Griswold*, b. June 4, 1861; m. Dec. 1885, at Jersey City, Mary Gurnsey, who died July, 1900. Residence, Susquehanna, Penn. Children: George Conrad, b. Sept. 14, 1886; Lucia Louise, b. Jan. 5, 1888; Estella Frances, b. Feb. 8, 1891; Jennie Marietta, b. June 13, 1892; Nellie Titus, b. June 7, 1895; d. Dec. 8, 1896.

ii. Duane William *Griswold*, b. June 13, 1863; m. May 2, 1887, at Vermillion, N. D., Maria Louisa Miller. Residence, Windsor, Conn. Children: Edgar William, b. June 26, 1888; Frank Newton, b. Oct. 2, 1891; Beulah Lavinia, b. Feb. 16, 1895; Gertrude Eudora, b. Oct. 3, 1896.

iii. Darwin Gillett *Griswold*, b. Nov. 27, 1869; m. April 20, 1892, Anna Dickinson Clapp. They reside in Wallingford, Conn. Children: Julius Clapp, b. Aug. 19, 1894; Harold Maurice, b. Jan. 29, 1896.

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(Henrietta Elizabeth,[6] Henry W.,[5] Luke,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

HENRIETTA ELIZABETH[6] VIETS, daughter of Henry W. and Lucia (King), born Sept. 6, 1839; married, Nov. 24, 1859, George Owen of Hungary in Granby, and died July 10, 1867.

CHILDREN.

i. Henry Almon *Owen*, b. June 23, 1863; res. Meriden, Conn.

ii. Alfred George *Owen*, b. Oct. 5, 1866; m. Jennie Ruick; res. Hartford, Conn.

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(Jennie Abigail,[6] John Jay,[5] John,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

JENNIE ABIGAIL[6] VIETS, daughter of John Jay and Jane (Wadsworth), was born at East Granby, Conn., March 31, 1855; was educated in East Granby and at Maplewood

Seminary, East Hampton, Conn.; married, Oct. 14, 1878, Olin L. Livesey, a graduate of Wesleyan University, born Oct. 14, 1849. They resided for some years in New London, Conn., where Mr. Livesey was proprietor of a manufacturing business. They now reside at Pasadena, Cal.

CHILDREN.

i. Olin William *Livesey*, b. July 18, 1879.
ii. John Jay Viets *Livesey*, b. April 17, 1881.
iii. Carl Hubert *Livesey*, b. Oct. 24, 1890.
iv. Ruth Wadsworth *Livesey*, b. April 6, 1895.

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(Carl Jay,[6] John Jay,[5] John,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

CARL JAY[6] VIETS, son of John Jay and Jane (Wadsworth), was born at East Granby, Conn., June 14, 1857; was educated in his native place and at Claverack on the Hudson; obtained a situation when about sixteen in the post-office at Windsor, Conn., and was assistant postmaster for some five years. In the spring of 1881 he was engaged as bookkeeper for the Livesey Manufacturing Company in New London, Conn., and in 1888 purchased the Charles Allen book store, which has been in existence over sixty years, and has since been successfully engaged in the book and stationery business. He has served three terms on the New London city council, has been police commissioner one term, fire commissioner one term, and on the board of health two terms. He is a Master Mason, belongs to the Sons of the American Revolution by right of two lines of descent, to the Odd Fellows, and Ancient Order of United Workmen. He has in his possession the Luke Viets commission as ensign signed by Governor Huntington, 1790; also a chair that Captain John Viets of Newgate used to sit in, and a gold-headed cane, said to have been brought from Europe by Dr. John Viets.

Mr. Viets married May 23, 1883, Mary E., daughter of Major William H. and Eliza (Smith) Comstock of New London. Major Comstock represented his town in the legislature two terms, his district in the Senate one term, was a member of the corporation of Yale College, was for many years director

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of the New London City National Bank, was on Governor Bissell's staff, and occupied many other positions.

Mrs. Viets is a member of the Mayflower Society by right of seven ancestors, three on her father's side, and four on her mother's, all passengers in the historic craft of 1620.

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(Hubert Wadsworth,[6] John J.,[5] John,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

HUBERT WADSWORTH[6] VIETS, son of John Jay and Jane (Wadsworth), was born at East Granby March 8, 1859. He was for some years a locomotive engineer and freight and passenger agent, and afterwards owned and operated a large laundry business at La Crosse, Wis., where he resided for fifteen years. Mr. and Mrs. Viets are members of the First Congregational Church of La Crosse, of which the grandmother of Mrs. Viets was a charter member when the church was organized in 1852. Selling out his business at La Crosse, Mr. Viets removed to Minneapolis, Minn., where he accepted a position as agent for the Minneapolis *Tribune*, and later a still better position with the *Journal* of that city.

He married at La Crosse July 7, 1879, Carrie F. Crane, daughter of Asa and Charlotte (Snow) Crane, born Aug. 16, 1858. Charlotte (Snow) Crane was a daughter of Charles Snow, originally from Plymouth, N. H., and Rhoda (Sargent) Snow from Amesbury, Mass.

CHILDREN.

i. Mary Crane, b. Dec. 8, 1880.
ii. Emma Adella, b. April 16, 1882.
iii. Chauncey Eno, b. May 18, 1885; d. Aug. 30, 1885.
iv. John Jay, b. April 14, 1890.

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(Mary Adelia,[6] Imlay Bird,[5] John,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

MARY ADELIA[6] VIETS, daughter of Imlay B. and Angeline (Hart), was born in New Britain, Conn., March 10, 1847, and married, March 10, 1875, Charles Albert Blair, who is in business in New Britain. Residence, Newington, Conn.

CHILDREN.

i. Cyrus Hart *Blair*, b. Jan. 20, 1876.
ii. Nina Louise *Blair*, b. July 4, 1877.
iii. Nellie Adelia *Blair*, b. March 22, 1879; d. Dec. 21, 1883.
iv. John Dick *Blair*, b. Oct. 12, 1880.
v. Charles Pierce *Blair*, b. Oct. 16, 1882.
vi. Harry Viets *Blair*, b. Feb. 5, 1885; d. Nov. 12, 1889.

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(Elnora Julietta,[6] Imlay Bird,[5] John,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

ELNORA JULIETTA[6] VIETS, daughter of Imlay B. and Angeline (Hart), was born at New Britain, Conn., July 22, 1849; married, Dec. 1, 1870, Theron Hart Camp of New Britain, where they reside.

CHILDREN.

i. Florence Angeline *Camp*, educated at Wellesley College.
ii. Mortimer Hart *Camp*, educated at Wesleyan University.
iii. Herbert Viets *Camp*, educated at Wesleyan University.

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(Ida Eugenie,[6] Imlay B.,[5] John,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

IDA EUGENIE[6] VIETS, daughter of Imlay B. and Angeline (Hart), was born in New Britain Oct. 29, 1856. She was an esteemed and successful teacher in New Britain; traveled in Europe; married Harris Le Paige; died Dec. 30, 1900, leaving a little daughter.

i. Dorothy Viets *Paige*.

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(John Berthrong,[6] James Rollin,[5] John,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

JOHN BERTHRONG[6] VIETS, son of James Rollin and Cordelia T. (Rouse), was born in East Granby, Conn., June 27, 1853. He had a good business training under his father and at Hartford Business College, spent several years in Boston, is now connected with a large importing house in New York. Residence, Oakwood Boulevard, Chicago, Ill.

John B. Viets married Aug. 1, 1893, Mrs. Catharine (Pease) Tourtellotte, daughter of David Harlow and Sarah (Burton) Pease, born in Norwalk, O., Oct. 24, 1859. David Harlow Pease was son of Erastus Pease of Somers, Conn. (and Clarissa Hume of Windsor, Mass.), son of Stephen Pease of Somers, Conn., who was engaged in the battle of Stillwater at the taking of Burgoyne.

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(Helen Mary,[6] James Rollin,[5] John,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

HELEN MARY[6] VIETS, daughter of James Rollin and Cordelia T. (Rouse), was born at East Granby, Conn., Aug. 17, 1854. She was educated in the local schools and Miss Catharine Beecher's Seminary at Hartford, from which she was graduated in 1873. On Dec. 17th of that year she was married to Rev. Frank Barrows Makepeace, who has held important pastorates in Gloucester, Andover, and Springfield, Mass., Champlain, N. Y., and is at present pastor of Trinity Congregational Church, New York city. During his ten years' service for the North Church, Springfield, nearly three hundred members were added to the church. Mr. Makepeace is a corporate member of the American Board, and has been entrusted with many important offices. He is descended from the earliest English settlers in New England, at least three of his grandparents having had ancestors who had settled in Massachusetts before 1640.

CHILDREN.

i. Walter Dunham *Makepeace*, b. in Gloucester, Mass., April 27, 1875; graduated from Williston Seminary, 1892; B.A. Yale University, 1897; M.A. Yale, 1899; LL.B. Yale, 1900. He was admitted to the New York bar in 1900.

While at Yale Mr. Makepeace took several prizes, received the Foote Fellowship for post graduate work, and spent a year in the study of psychology and philosophy. He visited England and Wales in 1896, served in the U. S. Navy in the war against Spain, and spent four months in travel in the South during the winter of 1899-1900. He was registrar of the Law School in Yale

University, business manager of the Law Journal, and at graduation won the Townsend prize for excellence in composition and delivery. After graduation he entered the law office of Anderson & Anderson, 35 Wall Street, New York city.

ii. Helen Eva *Makepeace*, b. in Gloucester, Mass., July 17, 1876; was educated in the public schools of Andover and Springfield, Mass., and Smith College, from which she was graduated B.A. in 1899.

In college Miss Makepeace was a member of the Philosophical and Biological Societies, assisted in the laboratory, and afterwards took post graduate work at the Woods Hole Biological School in 1899 and 1900. She was prominent in college athletics, and entered largely into the life of the institution. She is a teacher in Mrs. Mead's School at Norwalk, Conn.

iii. Frank Barrows *Makepeace*, Jr., b. in Champlain, N. Y., July 17, 1878; received his early education in the public schools at Springfield, Mass., and graduated at Yale University, class of 1901. He has won prizes in English literature and athletics, is fond of music, and was a member of the University Choir and Glee Club.

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(Henry Rouse,[6] James Rollin,[5] John,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

HENRY ROUSE[6] VIETS, son of James Rollin and Cordelia T. (Rouse), was born in East Granby, Conn., Feb. 17, 1856. He was educated in the public and select schools of East Granby, and the Hartford High School; has been in business in Boston since 1875. He married, June 29, 1882, Annie R., daughter of Col. Gardiner Tufts of Lynn, Mass. They reside at Newton.

Col. Tufts was a native of Lynn, and "was during the Rebellion specially distinguished for conspicuous and consistent loyalty." He was appointed by Governor Andrew as military agent of Massachusetts at Washington from July 1862 to July 1870, the first appointment of the kind by any governor. Col. Tufts held office under eleven governors of Massachusetts, was visiting agent of state board of charities, superintendent of State Primary School at Monson, and of the Massachusetts Reformatory at Concord. A marble bust in

the Senate Chamber of the State House at Boston commemorates his memory.

CHILDREN.

i. Marion Tufts, b. June 1, 1884.
ii. Gardiner T., b. March 6, 1887.
iii. Henry R., Jr., b. March 7, 1890.

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(Frederick H.,[6] James R.,[5] John,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

FREDERICK HENDERSON[6] VIETS, son of James Rollin and Cordelia T. (Rouse), was born in East Granby, Conn., July 7, 1858. He is in business in Boston with his brothers, Henry R. and Arthur E. He married, Jan. 1, 1884, in Lynn, Mass., Hattie Florence Baldwin, born in Lynn Aug. 19, 1863, daughter of Otis Lincoln Baldwin of Fitchburg, and Lydia Maria Thompson of Medford. Hattie Baldwin Viets died in Lynn May 11, 1888. Mr. Viets married, second, June 20, 1893, Grace Elisabeth Trask, daughter of Stephen Wilson and Emma (Thompson) Trask, born in Lynn Nov. 6, 1871. Stephen Wilson Trask was son of John Bartlett Trask of Marblehead, son of John Trask of Gloucester, son of Ebenezer Trask of Gloucester, who was distinguished for various services during the Revolutionary War. He was stationed at Gloucester for coast defense, also in Rhode Island.

Children by first marriage:

i. Frederick H., Jr., b. in Lynn Aug. 11, 1885.
ii. Howard Thompson, b. Dec. 5, 1886.
iii. Edward Lincoln, b. May 8, 1888.

By second marriage:

iv. Katharine Eno, b. in Swampscott, Mass., June 4, 1896.
v. John Bartlett, b. in Arlington, Mass., March 20, 1900.

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(James R.,[6] James R.,[5] John,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

JAMES ROLLIN[6] VIETS, JR., was born at East Granby, Conn., Dec. 2, 1860, son of James Rollin and Cordelia T.

(Rouse). He was educated in the public schools of East Granby and Hartford High School. He was for several years engaged in mercantile pursuits in New Britain, Conn. In 1885 he became connected with the General Electric Company of Lynn, Mass., and at the present time holds a responsible position with this company. In 1886 he married Emily Tracy Couch of Middlefield, Conn. She is a direct descendant of Captain John Couch, who in 1774 was appointed Captain by the General Assembly of the colony of Connecticut for its defense, and in 1776 was Captain under Washington, and was sent with his company to aid in the defense of Fort Washington. Residence, Greystone Park, Lynn, Mass.

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(Arthur E.,[6] James R.,[5] John,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

ARTHUR ENO[6] VIETS, son of James R. and Cordelia T. (Rouse), was born in East Granby, Conn., Aug. 27, 1864. He was in Des Moines, Iowa, five years after leaving school, and since that time has been in business in Boston. He was married, June 17, 1899, to Harriett N. Heathcote, born in Salem, Mass., May 19, 1870, daughter of Mark and Elizabeth (Jackson) Heathcote, who were born in Glossup, Derbyshire, Eng. Residence, Lynn, Mass.

CHILDREN.

i. Ruth Winnifred, b. July 19, 1900.

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(Emily H.,[6] James R.,[5] John,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

EMILY HENDERSON[6] VIETS, daughter of James Rollin and Cordelia (Rouse), was born Nov. 14, 1865. The early portion of her education was in her native town, East Granby, Conn. Afterwards she attended school in Suffield, and two years at Abbott Academy, Andover, Mass. After leaving Andover she took a two years course in kindergarten and sloyd in the Normal School at New Britain, Conn. She was retained as teacher in New Britain one year, then was sent to the Hamp-

ton Institute in Virginia to start a kindergarten among the colored children in that region. After two years at Hampton she returned North, spending the next three years at the Salisbury School, Worcester, Mass., starting the first kindergarten of the public schools. Later she went to Detroit, Mich., where she is director of the kindergarten of the Washington Normal School. She is an accomplished scholar, fond of literary pursuits and art studies; she spent two of her summers abroad in travel. She enters the society of the Daughters of the American Revolution through six ancestors, who were either in the Revolutionary War, or did duty in state affairs, or assisted in establishing American independence. Two ancestors were also in the French and Indian wars.

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(Eliza Ann,[6] George W.,[5] George,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

ELIZA ANN[6] VIETS, daughter of George Watson and Delia (King), was born in East Granby March 11, 1836, and married at East Granby Sept. 27, 1857, Henry Birge of Windsor Locks, where she died Sept. 11, 1895. Henry Birge was born at Windsor Locks June 28, 1814, and died March 2, 1899.

CHILDREN.

i. Willis Henry *Birge*, b. Jan. 1, 1859, at Windsor Locks, where he resides; m. Feb. 11, 1880, Hattie Montgomery Sargent, b. at Haverhill, Mass., July 28, 1857. Children: Elmer Willis, b. July 8, 1881; Viola Montgomery, b. April 16, 1884; Nettie Beatrice, b. Nov. 25, 1885; Harriet Zitella, b. March 9, 1889; Alta Emma Louise, b. April 18, 1898.

ii. Burton Alonzo *Birge*, b. Aug. 17, 1860; has been, since 1885, head clerk at Grand Union Hotel, New York city; m. Aug. 4, 1896, Helen Josephine Brazill. Children: Edgar Brazill, b. June 25, 1897; Mabel Alice, b. Jan. 22, 1898; d. Jan. 21, 1899; Anna Helen, b. Sept. 29, 1899; d. July 7, 1900.

iii. Clara Delia *Birge*, b. Aug. 1, 1862; m. Aug. 8, 1881, at Windsor Locks, Albert A. Shaw of Poquonock, Windsor, Conn. Son: Harry Elbert Shaw, b. in Hartford, Conn., March 26, 1883.

iv. Alice Eliza *Birge*, b. Jan. 14, 1866.

v. Edward Watson *Birge*, b. Aug. 5, 1867; residence, Shrub Oak, West Chester County, N. Y.; m. at New York April 21, 1891, Viola Estella Milhern. Daughter: May Louise Birge, b. Oct. 26, 1892.

vi. Jane *Birge*, b. Jan. 14, 1869; m. at Windsor Locks Oct. 16, 1889, Alfred Thomas Wyant, b. at Baltimore, Md., March 21, 1865. Residence, Windsor Locks. Children: Edward Birge Wyant, b. at Rainbow, Windsor, Conn., Sept. 9, 1890; Alfred Valentine Wyant, b. at Windsor Locks, Feb. 14, 1893; Charles Burton Wyant, b. July 28, 1895; Berthia Elisabeth Wyant, b. Nov. 26, 1898.

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(George Byron,[6] George W.,[5] George,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

GEORGE BYRON[6] VIETS, son of George Watson and Delia (King), was born in East Granby, Conn., July 17, 1837; married at Dakota City, Neb., Jan. 1, 1870, Wilmina Joyce of New York city, daughter of John Jay and Wilmina (Van Benschoten) Joyce of New York. He is a farmer and market gardener. Residence, Berlin, Conn.

CHILDREN.

265. i. Richard Byron, b. at Dakota City Dec. 25, 1870.

ii. Anson Eno, b. July 17, 1877, at Dakota City, Neb.; is connected with the Stanley Works, New Britain, Conn.; was one of the first promoters of the Viets family reunion.

iii. John Joyce, b. at Dakota City, Neb., Feb. 17, 1879; was connected for a time with the Pope Manufacturing Co. of Hartford; res. Berlin, Conn.

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(Antoinette Cynthia,[6] George W.,[5] George,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

ANTOINETTE CYNTHIA[6] VIETS, daughter of George Watson and Delia (King) Viets, was born in East Granby Aug. 7, 1840, and died Feb. 27, 1878, at the old homestead where she always lived. She married, Nov. 12, 1863, Samuel A. Ellsworth, descended from a prominent family of the name in Windsor, Conn. Mr. Ellsworth and family removed to Fairmount, N. D., where they now reside.

CHILDREN.

i. Giles W. *Ellsworth.*
ii. Jennie Delia *Ellsworth*; res. Berlin, Conn.
iii. Annie Esther *Ellsworth.*
iv. Ellen Frances *Ellsworth.*
v. Antoinette Lena *Ellsworth.*
vi. Frederick Roger *Ellsworth.*

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(Alfred Watson,[6] George W.,[5] George,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

ALFRED WATSON[6] VIETS, son of George Watson and Delia (King), was born in Granby, now East Granby, Conn., Sept. 30, 1850, and married, Oct. 26, 1885, Lillie Gardner of Montville, N. Y., born Nov. 3, 1856. Residence, Fairmount, Richland county, N. D.

CHILDREN.

i. Delia M., b. Sept. 18, 1886.
ii. Elwyn A., b. April 18, 1888.
iii. Ena Mae, b. Aug. 9, 1889.
iv. Floyd G., b. Oct. 20, 1890.
v. Hermia, b. April 25, 1892.
vi. Genevieve, b. Dec. 28, 1895.

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(Seth Allen,[6] Allen,[5] George,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

SETH ALLEN[6] VIETS, son of Allen and Lorinda (Smith), was born near Newgate in East Granby April 17, 1842, and married, Nov. 15, 1870, Mary Jane Rowley, born in Suffield, Conn., March 27, 1848. He is a farmer and insurance agent. Residence, West Suffield, Conn.

CHILDREN.

i. Vienna Lorinda, b. May 11, 1872; m. Sept. 12, 1899, George Letts Smith of Suffield, son of Charles A. and Ellen (Viets) Smith. Daughter: Esther Viola, b. Jan. 14, 1891.
ii. Harriet Isabella, b. May 26, 1874.
iii. Laura Mary, b. May 18, 1879.

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(Leroy E.,[7] Jonathan M.,[6] Ezekiel,[5] Jonathan M.,[4] Jonathan,[3] Henry,[2] John.[1])

REV. LEROY ELLSWORTH[7] VIETS, son of Jonathan M. and Elizabeth L. (Henson) of Bryan, Ohio, was born July 25, 1871; completed a course in theology at Chicago University in 1900; married, July 10, 1900, at Granville, O., Adelaide Lucretia Clemons of Granville; was settled Oct. 1, 1900, as pastor of the First Baptist Church of St. James, Minn.

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(Eugene Fayette,[7] Fayette,[6] Henry,[5] Seth,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

EUGENE FAYETTE[7] VIETS, son of Fayette and Lura (Davis), was born at Pawlet, Vt., in 1865; married in 1889 Anna Touslee; resides at Manchester Depot, Vt.

CHILDREN.

i. Arthur, b. 1892.
ii. Harry, b. 1895.
iii. Charles Fayette, b. 1900; d. 1900.

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(Rollin Sackett,[7] Philander Dan,[6] Rollin,[5] Jesse,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

ROLLIN SACKETT[7] VIETS, son of Philander D. and Eliza (Kellogg) of Evansville, Ind., was born Feb. 2, 1860; is at the head of the Indiana Egg Case Company, Evansville, Ind.; married in 1881 Clara L. Dyson of Evansville.

CHILDREN.

i. Will, b. July 10, 1882.
ii. Edith, b. July 29, 1886.

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(Charles Fellows,[7] Philander Dan,[6] Rollin,[5] Jesse,[4] Seth,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

CHARLES FELLOWS[7] VIETS, son of Philander D. and Eliza (Kellogg) of Evansville, Ind., was born Oct. 23, 1865; is a member of the Evansville police force; married in 1887 Bernadena Lohoff.

CHILDREN.

i. Son, d. in infancy.
ii. Vivian, b. Jan. 10, 1890.
iii. Son, d. in infancy.
iv. Clyde, b. May 30, 1899.

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(Jessie Fremont,[7] Apollos K.,[6] Byron,[5] Abner,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

JESSIE FREMONT[7] VIETS, daughter of Apollos K. and Aurelia (Leete) of West Salem, Wis., was born Feb. 2, 1862; married, Feb. 10, 1886, Hon. Alfred A. Leissing, born in 1860 at Bangor, Wis., and died in 1895 at Del Norte, Col. He was a member of the legislature of Wisconsin in 1892-3, and a prominent business man of La Crosse. Mrs. Leissing resides with her family at La Crosse, Wis.

CHILDREN.

i. Beatrice *Leissing*, b. Nov. 1, 1886.
ii. Alfred *Leissing*, b. July 6, 1891.
iii. Ruth Aurelia *Leissing*, b. Feb. 21, 1893.

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(Frank Abner,[7] Apollos K.,[6] Byron,[5] Abner,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

FRANK ABNER[7] VIETS, son of Apollos K. and Aurelia (Leete), born at West Salem, Wis., Feb. 2, 1868; married, March 18, 1891, Gertrude S. Miller, born Nov. 23, 1874. Business, confectioner and United States railway postal clerk. Residence, West Salem, Wis.

CHILDREN.

i. Hazel Bernice, b. March 4, 1892.

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(Clayton Leander,[7] Leander,[6] Byron,[5] Abner,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

CLAYTON LEANDER[7] VIETS, son of Leander and Lois (Smith), was born May 16, 1858, at Fowler, O.; lived with his parents at West Salem, Wis., between 1860 and 1870; later removed with his father to Kansas; returned to West Salem in 1894, where he resides conducting a store, having business interests also at Augusta, Kan. He married, Feb. 14, 1882, Carrie Baker Viets, daughter of Apollos K. Viets of West Salem.

CHILDREN.

i. Jessie Rae, b. Oct. 29, 1884.
ii. Clayton Rupert, b. Sept. 25, 1886.
iii. Della Blanche, b. Nov. 5, 1891.

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(Charles Allison,[7] Leander,[6] Byron,[5] Abner,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

CHARLES ALLISON[7] VIETS, son of Leander and Lois (Smith) of Fowler, O., was born Oct. 26, 1862; removed from Wisconsin to Augusta, Kan., in 1879, where he resides, conducting a large clothing store. He married, Oct. 4, 1888, at Augusta, Stella M. Sullivan.

CHILDREN.

i. Lois A., b. July 17, 1889.
ii. Hazel S., b. Nov. 1, 1890.

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(Morey Oliver,[7] Oliver O.,[6] Drayton,[5] Abner,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

MOREY OLIVER[7] VIETS, son of Oliver O. and Mary Ann (Purdy) of Fowler, O., later of Michigan, was admitted to the bar at Coldwater, Mich., July 2, 1885, where he practiced law with more than ordinary success until the fall of 1891 when failing health caused him to make a change. He then went to Denver, Col., where he remained five years, but, his health

not improving, he returned to Michigan, and afterwards went to Alabama and Texas. His health continuing to fail, he returned home, where he remained until his death. He died Dec. 5, 1900, aged forty-one years.

Mr. Viets married Julia M. Cavanaugh, who now resides at Bronson, Branch county, Mich. Son:

i. Francis M., b. Sept. 13, 1894.

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(Leonard Clark,[7] Abner C.,[6] Drayton,[5] Abner,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

LEONARD CLARK[7] VIETS, son of Abner C. and Leonora E. (Clark), was born at Fowler, O., Dec. 23, 1868; is engaged in nursery business; residence, Fowler, O., married in 1889 Ella M. Blackburn, who died in 1898.

CHILDREN.

i. Clare Leola, b. 1890.
ii. Lloyd Oscar, b. 1892.
iii. Charles Eugene, b. 1894.
iv. Austin Jesse, b. 1896.

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(Abner C.,[7] Abner C.,[6] Drayton,[5] Abner,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

ABNER C.[7] VIETS, son of Abner C. and Leonora E. (Clark), was born at Fowler, O., Nov. 30, 1870; is engaged in canvassing for nursery stock; residence, Niles, Trumbull county, O.; married in 1892 Etta M. Doud of Fowler.

CHILDREN.

i. Mildred, b. 1895.
ii. Harold, b. 1899.

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(Savern Willie,[7] Orville D.,[6] Drayton,[5] Abner,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

SAVERN WILLIE[7] VIETS, son of Orville D. and Elzaida (Terrell) of Cortland, O., was born Jan. 12, 1864; attorney-at-

law; residence, Mansfield, O.; married, June 17, 1896, Minnie Erwin.

CHILDREN.

i. Aubrey Orville, b. Aug. 7, 1898.
ii. Ella G., b. Dec. 12, 1899.

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(Ward J.,[7] Orville D.,[6] Drayton,[5] Abner,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

WARD J.[7] VIETS, son of Orville D. and his second wife, Joana (Storier) of Cortland, O., was born July 20, 1878, and married, Aug. 17, 1898, Blanche Ryder. Occupation, farmer; residence, Cortland, O. Daughter:

i. Vivian V., b. Sept. 2, 1900.

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(Van Buren Dudley,[7] Henry A.,[6] Drayton,[5] Abner,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

DR. VAN BUREN DUDLEY[7] VIETS, son of Henry A. and Lucy Clark Viets, was born at the old Viets place at Fowler, O., July 11, 1871, and brought up on a farm; was educated at public schools, and at Cortland High School, which he entered at the age of seventeen, graduating in June, 1892; entered Medical College, Cincinnati, graduating in 1895; "hung up his sign, and went to work as a physician at Youngstown, O., and has been at work ever since." He married, Nov. 11, 1894, Minnie M. Arthurholt, daughter of his preceptor, Dr. D. H. Arthurholt.

CHILDREN.

i. Elton Willard, b. Oct. 26, 1898.

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(John A.,[7] Henry L.,[6] Lothrop,[5] Abner,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

JOHN A.[7] VIETS, son of Henry Leslie and Mary Ann (Parker) Viets of Parker's Prairie, Minn., was born Jan. 12, 1863, and married Susie G. Capers at Van Horn, Tex., Oct. 17,

1886, who died at Parker's Prairie Dec. 24, 1887. He married, second, Annie Buffey at Pembina, N. D., Jan. 18, 1890.

CHILDREN.

i. Susie G., b. Dec. 23, 1887.

By second marriage:

ii. Mabel Daisy, b. Jan. 31, 1891, at St. Thomas, N. D.
iii. Ethel Irene, b. Jan. 21, 1894, at Chinacum, Wash.
iv. Henry Leslie, b. June 7, 1898, at Harrington, Wash.; d. Nov. 12, 1898.

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(Lathrop E.,[7] Henry Leslie,[6] Lothrop,[5] Abner,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

LATHROP E.[7] VIETS, son of Henry Leslie and Mary Ann (Parker) of Parker's Prairie, Minn., was born Nov. 24, 1869, and married Elizabeth Murray at Elmo, Minn., Feb. 26, 1891. They reside at Hawley, Minn.

CHILDREN.

i. Clare H. L., b. Oct. 30, 1893.
ii. Leonard Wallace, b. Nov. 18, 1898.

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(Fred S.,[7] Samuel W.,[6] Seymour S.,[5] Samuel,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

FRED S.[7] VIETS, son of Samuel Willis and Caroline (Terry), was born at Windsor Locks, Conn., Oct. 23, 1854. The family removing to Forester, Mich., he attended the village school at Forester until seventeen years of age, working during vacations on his father's farm three-fourths of a mile west of the village; then went to Au Sable and clerked in a store one year; returned to Sanilac county, and took up the business of teaching, reading law at the same time, which he followed until 1878, when he entered a law office at Oscoda, Mich., and in the spring of 1880 was admitted to the bar; returned to Sanilac county, and in April, 1880, went into partnership with W. E. Stevenson in the general merchandise business, which they continued until 1884; then commenced

the practice of law at Downington, Mich., where he has since resided, excepting from May, 1891, until May, 1893, when he had charge of the State Law Library at Lansing. He has been twice a candidate for representative in the legislature, and once for prosecuting attorney of the county, but, belonging to the political party which was in the minority, was defeated each time. He has held the office of commissioner of schools two years, and that of township treasurer four years, and has been twenty-one years director of the village schools.

Fred S. Viets married Matilda Hill at Deckerville, Mich., in 1878.

CHILDREN.

i. Maud S., d. aged five years.
ii. Florence P., d. aged seven months.
iii. Myrtle, b. June 6, 1901.

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(Samuel J.,[7] Samuel W.,[6] Seymour S.,[5] Samuel,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

SAMUEL JAMES[7] VIETS, son of Samuel Willis and Caroline (Terry), was born at Forester, Sanilac county, Mich., Nov. 13, 1869. About 1877 the family moved to Oscoda, Mich., where he attended school until 1885, when he went to St. Regis Falls, N. Y. From 1888 to 1893 he was employed by the P. A. Ducey Lumber Company at Moira, N. Y., as lumber inspector and shipper. In 1896 he went to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, and in 1898 entered the employ of the Soo Line Railroad at Gladstone. In May, 1901, he entered the employ of the Gladstone Milling Company in charge of their branch at Manistique, where he now resides. He married in 1888, Lottie M. Clark of Moira, N. Y. Son:

i. Clarence C., b. July 6, 1889.

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(Hortense Alethea,[7] William C.,[6] Seymour S.,[5] Samuel,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

HORTENSE ALETHEA[7] VIETS, daughter of William C. and Harriet (Chandler) of Suffield, Conn., was born Feb. 23, 1862;

graduated from the Thompsonville High School; married, Aug. 1, 1881, Elmer E. Randall, who has been principal of the Grammar School at Hazardville, Conn., since 1883.

CHILDREN.

i. Ethelmer H. *Randall*, d. aged five years.
ii. Jesse W. *Randall.*
iii. Dora M. *Randall.*
iv. Lola V. *Randall.*

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(Herbert Leon,[7] William C.,[6] Seymour,[5] Samuel,[4] Abner,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

HERBERT LEON[7] VIETS, son of William C. and Harriet (Chandler) of Suffield, was born Jan. 31, 1867. He is connected with the Westfield Plate Company as treasurer and bookkeeper, and has held other responsible positions; residence, Suffield, Conn., near the village of Thompsonville. He married, Oct. 28, 1890, Carrie Hemenway.

CHILDREN.

i. Vera.
ii. Seeley H.
iii. Herbert Leon, Jr.

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(Henry Gervase,[7] Julius G.,[6] Gervase,[5] Luke,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

HENRY GERVASE[7] VIETS, son of Julius G. and Mary P. (Gillett) Viets, was born July 3, 1855, at Westfield, Mass., his parents soon after removing to Granby, Conn., the native place of his father, and since that time he has resided in the towns of East Granby and Granby. He finished school at the Granby Academy, Rev. T. D. Murphy, principal. On leaving school he entered upon the duties of farm life, taking an interest in his father's farm at Hungary, Granby. He has for several years been employed during the winter as a buyer and handler of leaf tobacco for the firm of E. H. & W. F. Fuller of Hartford, and has a warehouse where he employs

about twenty men. He served as assessor for the town of Granby two terms, and was a member of the school board several years. At the age of twenty-eight he represented the town in the General Assembly, session of 1883. He has been tax collector of the town eight years, the last two years having been elected by the unanimous vote of both parties.

Henry G. Viets married, Feb. 25, 1880, Amanda A. Clark of Blandford, Mass. Mary Viets Phelps, daughter of Mr. Viets' sister, has always lived with them.

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(Gervase Aristarchus,[7] Charles R.,[6] Gervase,[5] Luke,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

REV. GERVASE ARISTARCHUS[7] VIETS, son of Charles R. and Harriet (Griffin), named for his two grandfathers, Gervase Viets and Aristarchus Griffin, was born in East Granby, Conn., July 6, 1856. He pursued courses of study at Connecticut Literary Institution, Suffield, and at Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham, Mass., and after teaching two years entered Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J., graduating in May, 1882. He was ordained to the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church at the April session of the New England Conference at Northampton, Mass., in 1882. He labored in Springfield, Mass., and its near vicinity until the spring of 1890, when he entered the work of the Congregational Home Missionary Society for the state of Illinois; later held the pastorate of the Columbia Congregational Church of Cincinnati, O., and also of the York St. Church of Newport, Ky. Ultimately, however, he returned East, and re-entered the ministry of the Methodist Church, being readmitted to the New York East Conference and stationed at Redding, Conn., April, 1901.

Mr. Viets married, June 27, 1894, Carrie Louise McLane, daughter of Deacon Edward P. McLane of Mt. Carmel, Conn.

CHILDREN.

i. Charles McLane, b. Dec. 14, 1896.
ii. Esther Louise, b. April 20, 1900.

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(George Charles,[7] Charles R.,[6] Gervase,[5] Luke,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

GEORGE CHARLES[7] VIETS, son of Charles R. and Harriet (Griffin), was born at Copper Hill in East Granby, Conn., May 13, 1864; completed his education at the common school; is a locomotive engineer in the employ of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railway Company, operating on the line between Suffield and Hartford. He married Fannie Adams Trowbridge, daughter of Luther P. and Fannie P. Trowbridge, born in West Warren, Mass., May 19, 1866. Residence, Suffield, Conn.

CHILDREN.

i. Raymond Trowbridge, b. Dec. 13, 1891.

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(Hiram Wilcox,[7] Virgil E.,[6] Gervase,[5] Luke,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

HIRAM WILCOX[7] VIETS, son of Virgil E. and Mary (Wilcox), was born May 23, 1866, and named for his maternal grandfather. He married, Oct. 16, 1893, Laura Abbie Griffin, daughter of Alfred Henry Griffin and Sarah Abbie Roberts of Maine. They reside at the old Captain John Viets place near Newgate, East Granby, Conn.

CHILDREN.

i. Marjorie Ruth, b. May 19, 1897.

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(Charles Palmer,[7] William A.,[6] Henry W.,[5] Luke,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

CHARLES PALMER[7] VIETS, son of William Ansel and Sara F. (Alderman), was born at East Granby June 2, 1863; is a farmer. He married, Oct. 17, 1888, Anna Lucinda Hastings, born March 14, 1863, daughter of Virgil Marvin Hastings, born in Suffield Nov. 28, 1832, and Sarah Nettleton, daughter of Benjamin Nettleton, one of the early settlers of Lee county,

Ill. Mr. Hastings was one of the earliest settlers of Grant township near St. Paul, Minn.; the distinction belongs to him of having built the first frame house in that county. Charles P. Viets and family reside in East Granby. Son:

i. Leon Hastings, b. Sept. 29, 1890.

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(Richard Byron,[7] George B.,[6] George W.,[5] George,[4] Luke,[3] John,[2] John.[1])

RICHARD BYRON[7] VIETS, son of George Byron and Wilmina (Joyce), born at Dakota City, Neb., Dec. 25, 1870; married, Nov. 1, 1893, Alice B. Tryon, daughter of William and Susan Tryon of South Glastonbury, Conn.; has been in business at South Glastonbury several years; resides at the present time in Berlin, Conn.

CHILDREN.

i. Estella May, b. Nov. 14, 1894.

APPENDIX

OTHER FAMILIES.

Probably descended from Dr. John and Catharine Viets, but whose descent has not as yet been fully proved.

FAMILY A.

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HEZEKIAH VIETS was probably a son of Hezekiah Phelps Viets (paragraph 21), from the fact that he bore the same name, and was born about 1780 when the latter was twenty-one years of age, but there is no positive proof of his descent. He was an errand boy in a hotel in Philadelphia when twelve years old, and sold books on commission in Philadelphia. Nothing is known of him previous to this time. Among his papers are found notes given to H. V., bearing date 1797. Letters were written him from Reading, Pa., in 1802 from some of his associates. He was for a time in New Orleans, and later in Cuba and St. Domingo, where it seems that he was sent for his health. Again letters were written him in Philadelphia congratulating him on his safe return. He is next found in Cincinnati in 1802, doing business for a man by the name of Barnes, from whom he received goods up to 1813. In 1816 he brought a store to Fort Jefferson, Darke county, O., where he laid out the town, and lived the remainder of his life. He entered several tracts of land at Ft. Jefferson, opened up a farm, and built a saw-mill, which furnished all the lumber that was used for building purposes for miles around. About 1839 he was attacked by rheumatism, which incapacitated him for his usual work. In 1845 he took a notion to peddle, and followed this until his death, which occurred July 3, 1850, at Parkersburg, Va.

These interesting facts were furnished by John Wesley Viets, a son of Hezekiah, now living at Fort Jefferson. It may be added that a nephew of John Wesley Viets, living in another part of Ohio, speaks of his grandfather, Hezekiah, as having gone from Vermont and settled at Fort Jefferson.

Hezekiah Viets married, and raised a family at Fort Jefferson, O.

CHILDREN.

i. Peninah, b. March 17, 1820; d. May 8, 1870; m. April 15, 1841, Everts Reed and had children: Francis M. Reed, Hezekiah Reed, Emmeline Reed. The two sons served in the Civil War. The first died in 1868. Hezekiah lives at New Corydon, Jay county, Ind.
ii. Andrew Jackson, b. May 5, 1826; m. Sept. 10, 1847, Rebecca Washington; d. June 14, 1884, leaving no children.
iii. Hezekiah, b. May 4, 1829; d. Aug. 6, 1833.
267. iv. William, b. Sept. 18, 1830; d. Sept. 6, 1881.
268. v. Charles, b. June 10, 1832; d. Sept. 11, 1879.
269. vi. John Wesley, b. Jan. 6, 1835.
270. vii. Elijah, b. June 15, 1838; d. March 31, 1890.

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WILLIAM VIETS, son of Hezekiah, was born at Fort Jefferson, O., Sept. 18, 1830, and died Sept. 6, 1881. He married, March 30, 1856, Catharine Schlechty, and had eight children, five girls and three boys. The boys are:

i. Elijah A. J., now living at Maumee, Lucas county, O.
ii. William.
iii. Nova.

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DR. CHARLES VIETS, son of Hezekiah, was born at Fort Jefferson June 10, 1832, and died Sept. 11, 1879. He served in the Civil War from 1861 to 1865. He married, Aug. 24, 1862, Clementine Robbins, who died in September, 1866.

CHILDREN.

i. Harry W., res. Portland, Ore.; is in the drug business.
ii. Daughter, d.

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JOHN WESLEY VIETS, son of Hezekiah, was born at Fort Jefferson, O., Jan. 6, 1835. He served in the Civil War from 1861 to 1865. He married Sophia Burkett May 8, 1862. They reside at Fort Jefferson; have had seven children, four boys and three girls:

i. Orville D., b. May 25, 1863; m. Hattie Pyle in 1883. Children: Lester, Bessie, Roxie, Gladys, Lewis, Harold.
ii. Son, d. March 26, 1892, aged 23 years.
iii. Son, d. in infancy.
iv. Daughter, d. in infancy.
v. Ulysses Schuyler, b. June 4, 1868; m. Mary Adkins June 4, 1889. Children: Omar, Hester, Flossie, Ethel.
vi. Sadie, b. Aug. 16, 1876; m. Aug. 1895, T. F. Crawford. Children: Roy Crawford, Capitole Crawford, Baby Crawford.
vii. Helen Augusta, b. about 1883.

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ELIJAH VIETS, son of Hezekiah, was born at Fort Jefferson, June 15, 1838, and died March 31, 1890, at Henryville, Tenn. He served in the Civil War from 1861 to 1865. He married Phebe Meed Sept. 16, 1868, and had three children, two girls, and one boy, who reside with their mother, Mrs. Phebe Viets at Henryville, Tenn.

CHILDREN.

i. Betie.
ii. Estella.
iii. Merle.

FAMILY B.

271

TRUMAN VIETS lived in Clarion county, Penn., not far from the year 1800, and removed to Minnesota early in the last century, where both he and his wife died. It is possible that he may have been a brother of Hezekiah Viets of Family A. The fact that he named his son Hezekiah Phelps inclines us to believe that he was a son of the original Hezekiah Phelps Viets of Simsbury, Conn. His descendants, however,

can furnish no evidence besides the name in support of this view. It is also worthy of note that among the papers of Hezekiah Viets of Family A. is a note dated 1797, signed by Jonathan Truman. It is supposable that the latter was a mutual friend or relation of Hezekiah and Truman Viets from whom the latter may have received his name. Truman Viets left a son:

i. Hezekiah Phelps, who died at Davenport, Ia., Feb. 16, 1876, and left a wife and children, some or all of whom live in Minneapolis, Minn. The name of one of the sons is Edward.

FAMILY C.

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SAMUEL LEMUEL VIETS and his wife, who was connected with the Wilson family, both lived in Connecticut, locality unknown, and went West about 1840, settling at Akron or Cleveland, O., where he died of the cholera in 1849. His widow died about 1885. These facts lead us to conclude that he was born not far from 1800. He may have been a son of one of the sons of David Viets of Colebrook, Conn., but this is only a conjecture, as his descendants are unable to give the name of his father. Samuel Lemuel Viets is said to have left sons:

i. Marshall W., who had children: Marshall C., residing in Cleveland, O.; Willis Everton and Herbert L. d. in infancy.
ii. Fernando.
iii. Eugene E.

It is said that the Burr family is in some way connected.

FAMILY D.

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The name of the father of this family is as yet unknown. Three brothers and a sister of the name Viets are given as follows:

274. i. Harvey, b. in Connecticut about 1799, place unknown.
ii. Ira, lived near Cleveland, O., where he died; is said to have left sons.

iii. Chauncey, lived at Albion, Mich.; may be the same Chauncey Viets who lived about 1864 at Marshall, Mich. Chauncey Viets of Colebrook, Conn., doubtless a son or grandson of David (Par. 6), sold his farm there in 1825. If he can be identified with the Chauncey above, it follows that this entire family is of the David line.

iv. Belinda.

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HARVEY VIETS, named above, is said to have been born in Connecticut about 1799, place unknown. He had children:

i. Harrison C., residing at Dundee, Monroe county, Mich., whose son Edgar S. resides in Cleveland, O.

ii. John, lives at McLouth, Jefferson county, Kan.

iii. George.

iv. Three sisters, one living in Ohio, two in Illinois.

FAMILY E.

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ELAM VEATS had a sister who lived in Dalton, Mass. His children remember hearing him mention having relatives in East Granby, Conn. He is thought to have been born in Granby about 1808, and is said to have left there when a small boy; went to Dalton, Mass., thence to Sherman, Conn., where he learned the trade of tanner and currier; thence to New Fairfield, Conn., where he married. He had seven children, four sons:

i. Charles, killed in the Civil War.

ii. Silas.

iii. Wheeler J., b. about 1840; resides in Danbury, Conn.

iv. Henry, married Alice ———, now residing at Dalton, Mass., whose son George L. lives at Worthington, Mass.

FAMILY F.

276

SALMON VIETS of Granby is said to have died in the war of 1812, and was probably born not far from 1785. His parentage is unknown; he may possibly have been a son of Hezekiah Phelps Viets of Simsbury, but of this nothing is known.

He is mentioned in the genealogy of the Andrews family as having married Mary, daughter of Asahel Andrews, Jr., of Simsbury, and Phebe Slater. Mary Andrews was born Jan. 12, 1781. Children of Salmon and Mary Andrews Viets:

i. Phebe.
ii. Caroline.

FAMILY G.

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HENRY VIETS lived, it is thought, in Zanesville, O., and had children, whose names are given from memory as follows:

i. William.
ii. Egbert.
iii. Louis, killed in the war, hence born probably about 1840.
iv. Three girls, pet name of one, Mate, another, perhaps, Edith.
v. Newton Eugene, went to Cleveland, O., where he attended school and married, went West with his wife, and seems to have lost trace, for the most part, of his family in Ohio; died young, leaving a widow and a little daughter named Frankie Lavern Ardella, called Vernie.

Vernie Viets, daughter of Eugene Newton, married at San Jose, Cal., Sept., 1885, Orrin S. Henderson, supervisor of San Joaquin County, Cal. Residence, Stockton, Cal.

A cousin of the above family is recalled, named Calvin Viets, who had children, Clara and Emma. Miles Viets is also mentioned in connection with this family, presumably as a brother of Calvin.

A letter written to a member of the Muskingum County Historical Society at Zanesville was read before the annual meeting of the society, but failed to elicit any knowledge of a Viets family in that vicinity.

FAMILY H.

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SYLVESTER VIETS married Lucinda Parsons, and had a daughter:

i. Ida, who married Charles H. Adams, b. Sept. 23, 1844. Adams children: Myron James, b. 1873; Lotta Emilie; Clara Kate.

FAMILY I.

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ELLEN VIETS, born at Syracuse, N. Y., presumably about 1840, family unknown; died at Warren, Penn., in 1866. She married in 1861 Junius Randolph Clark.

The item is from the Phelps Genealogy, from which family Mr. Clark was descended.

There are a number of families of the name Viets in the country who came recently from Germany, or whose parents or grandparents came from the Fatherland, and are not descended from the Viets family of Connecticut.

John Viets, who gave the name to Vietsburgh, Neosho county, Kan., and is clerk of Crawford county, residing at Girard, Kan., came from Hanover, Germany, when a lad, with his father, who was born in Hanover. His grandfather also was born and lived in Hanover. Samuel Viets of this family resides in Kansas.

A family of the name now living in Cleveland, O., is of recent German origin; among them occur the names John, William, Anna M.

One of the name, Henry Viets, appeared as a wandering miner in Utah about 1890. A letter sent from Colorado to his address was forwarded to several post-offices, and, failing to reach him, was returned.

H. A. Viets, treasurer of a business in Milwaukee, has not been traced.

REUNIONS.

A general reunion of the Viets family had not been seriously thought of until the summer of 1899, when a notice signed by Levi C. Viets, Whitney D. Viets, Hiram C. Viets, and Anson E. Viets was sent out inviting the descendants of Dr. John Viets to attend the first reunion at old Newgate Thursday, Sept. 14th. A good number responded. On the open plat just south of the ruins a tent and tables, pleasingly decorated, had been erected by the labor of those who sent out the invitations, and an enjoyable day was experienced. A notice of the event appeared in the Hartford *Courant*, in part as follows:

An event of note was the first reunion of the Viets family, descendants of Dr. John Viets, held yesterday on the historic grounds near old Newgate, in East Granby. Near by was the old-time mansion of Captain John Viets, a prosperous farmer, merchant, and man of affairs of his day, who lived through the colonial period and died in the time of the Revolution, having reared a family of ten children, and leaving a large estate. One mile to the north was the home of his brother, Henry Viets. From these two brothers all those present were descended.

Two hundred and fifty bearing the name Viets, or able to trace their lineage to Viets ancestry, sat down at the well-loaded tables and enjoyed the festivities.

The crumbling walls of Newgate, said to be the only true ruin in America, stand on the western slope of the Greenstone mountain, and look out upon a mountain-girt valley, forming one of the most romantic and beautiful scenes in New England.

After dinner, Levi Clinton Viets presided as toastmaster, and several gentlemen were called upon for short speeches. Among the speakers were three clergymen, all descendants of Captain Abner Viets. Edward M. Viets of Yarmouth told how his forefather settled in Nova Scotia, and spoke of the good name and fortunes of his branch of the family. W. B. Whitney of Westfield replied in an amusing vein.

A general desire was expressed to have the reunion held every year, and an association for the purpose was completed by the election of officers as follows: President, Virgil E. Viets; Corresponding Secretary, Anson E. Viets of Berlin, Conn.; Treasurer, Hiram C. Viets of Granby; Executive Committee, Whitney D. Viets, Willard W. Viets, and Mrs. Warren Parker.

The following year, 1900, those chosen for the purpose ably performed their duty in making preparation for the second reunion. The day appointed was Aug. 15th, which proving to be stormy in the afternoon, a portion of the guests came on the following day, and were disappointed in not meeting friends who had braved the weather of the day before. But interest had evidently increased since the previous year, and the occasion was much enjoyed. An account occupying nearly five columns was published in the Berlin *News*.

Wednesday, Aug. 21st, was chosen as the day of meeting in 1901. The day was a beautiful one after the rain, with mild sky and soft air. The committee had made ample preparation for a good attendance, and were not disappointed. Fully three hundred were present. The following account is from the Windsor Locks *Journal:*

On the lawn at the southeast of the old prison wall a large tent had been erected in which dinner was served. It was decorated with flags, evergreen, and flowers, and on a large banner at the top was inscribed "The Viets Family Reunion." The long tables were loaded with good things to eat, and, although the tables were three times filled before all were served, the last were as abundantly provided for as the first. It was in every way a profitable gathering, the pleasure at being together again showing plainly in the faces of all those present. There were many hearty hand-clasps, a recalling of old times and favorite anecdotes, and a relating of the happenings since the gathering of a year ago, between those who, while bearing the same family name, are too widely separated to see each other with any frequency.

There are few families that can boast of so unique a place in which to gather from year to year. The old prison is a never-failing source of interest, with its crumbling walls and buildings and the caverns underneath. It unites historical interest with natural beauty, the view to the south being one of the finest in Connecticut.

At about four o'clock the assembly gathered by the roadside, under the shade of several large maples, for the exercises of the afternoon, and to listen to the after-dinner speeches. Prayer was offered

by the Rev. James Lytle of the Congregational Church of East Granby. The speakers were introduced in a very happy manner with anecdotes and humorous allusions to the family relationships by the president of the association, Rev. Francis H. Viets.

The first address was by Rev. Apollos Phelps Viets of Waterbury, a veteran preacher eighty-two years of age. He tottered forward leaning heavily on two canes, but showing in his face and speech that he was still vigorous. Rev. Gervase Viets of Redding followed, who, in forcible and well-chosen words, paid a tribute to the virtues of the Viets family, and urged those present to continue and strive to increase their personal interest in each other. Professor Martin Griffin of Copper Hill, who until recently taught in Portland, followed, beginning his remarks by saying that he was not of the house of Aaron, but rather of the house of Moses, as he was a "wielder of the rod." The next address was by Rev. George L. Coburn, pastor of the M. E. Church of Copper Hill, who was present as a guest. He had learned for the first time that day that he was a Viets and also a Griffin, as he had been called by both names during the day. The closing speech was by Rev. Duane N. Griffin of New Haven, whose remarks were very entertaining. He said the three cardinal virtues of the Viets family were honesty, modesty, and oddity, and proved his three points with humorous illustrations and anecdotes. All of the speakers were vigorously applauded. The audience joined with the orchestra in the rendering of "America," and then a dozen or more letters from those unable to be present were read by the president and acting secretary.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The following officers of the Viets Association were elected for the ensuing year: President, Rev. Duane Griffin of New Haven; Vice-Presidents, A. A. Viets (Bloomfield), Levi C. Viets (Granby), Jason R. Viets (East Granby), Henry S. Viets (Boston, Mass.), Virgil E. Viets (Copper Hill), Carl J. Viets (New London); Secretary, Henry G. Viets, Granby; Treasurer, Hiram C. Viets, Granby. Committees — Transportation, Hiram W. Viets (Copper Hill), J. Edward Viets (East Granby); Music, Lewis C. Spring (Granby), Clara B. Viets (Copper Hill); Supplies, Willard W. Viets (East Granby), Whitney D. Viets (East Granby); Decorations, Mrs. J. Edward Viets (East Granby); Newspaper Reports, Mrs. Hiram W. Viets, Copper Hill; Tables, Mrs. Hiram W. Viets, Copper Hill.

A vote of thanks was given to the members of the family in East Granby and vicinity for what they had done in making arrangements for the gathering and furnishing supplies, and also to the orchestra for the music.

QUOTATIONS

FROM THE

LIFE OF BISHOP GRISWOLD AND EARLY RECORDS.

The able and interesting biographer of Bishop Alexander Viets Griswold on page 21 of his work refers to Dr. Viets and his son John as follows:

Alexander Viets, an eminent and wealthy Dutch physician of New York, who had come over from Europe, having learned of the existence of copper mines in Simsbury, disposed of his property in New York and purchased the territory on which those mines lay. His speculation resulted in the loss of all his property. He resumed the practice of medicine in Simsbury, though with nothing of his former pecuniary success. So poor did he become that when his son John asked the daughter of a respectable neighbor in marriage he was opposed by her parents on the ground of his being utterly unportioned. The marriage, nevertheless, took place, and John Viets, with more talent for business than his father, became the restorer of the fallen fortunes of the family. He recovered the territory about the mines, and, at his death, left to each of his sons a valuable farm. These mines lie on the western declivity of the Talcott mountain, two or three miles north of the Griswold estate, and command noble views over the Farmington Valley and the hills which rise beyond it in the west. John Viets originally lived on the northwest descent from the mines to the valley, where the old cellar of his house is still visible. Subsequently, however, he removed and built the house which is still standing near the mouth of the mines, and which is now (1846) occupied by the aged widow of his son Luke Viets. This house, perched on a high and sightly step of the mountain, was the birthplace of the bishop's mother, and of his uncle Roger Viets. Several of the surrounding farms are still in possession of the family and constitute a neighborhood of Vietses.

Although the facts above given are in the main true, the statement that Dr. Viets speculated in mining property in Simsbury is probably an error, as is also the idea that his name was Alexander. Possibly his full name may have been

John Alexander, but in at least seven different records, contemporaneous with him, or nearly so, the name is John, while the name Alexander is found in no record of those times.

From Simsbury town records, date, Dec. 18, 1710:

Mr. Viett admitted to be an inhabitant here in Simsbury.

From a deed made in 1710, acknowledged before justice of peace Jan. 5, 1711, and recorded in Simsbury records:

To all Christian people to whom these presents shall come: Greeting:

Know ye that we the subscribers hereunto, Namely, the surviving successors and alleants to the estate of our predecessor, sargeant John Griffin, long since deceased, and being rightful owners to those lands in Simsbury that our honored stood possessed of in his lifetime, therefore we of our own free bounty and of the good will and affection that we bear to Mr. John Viett now resident in Simsbury who inclining to settle himself in this said town, therefore his subscribers being and belonging to the County of Hartford and the Colony of Connecticut in New England do for ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, by these presents wholly, clearly and absolutely, alien, enfeefe, set out, convey, ratify and confirm unto the above mentioned John Viett a certain piece and parcel of land being situated within the township of Simsbury at Samon Brokks near the falls some what northerly of Thomas Griffin's house where said Thomas now dwells, and north eastward of said Thomas Griffin's field leaving a convenient passable way between said Thomas Griffin's field and the bounds of Mr. Viett's land of three rods wide. The said parcel of land is forty four rods and an half southeast taking its abutment at a white oak staddle, then turned the square and measured forty three rods. Said parcel of land is by estimation an eleven acres, three roods, eight perches, be it a little more or a little less.

. . . . . .

In witness whereof and for the confirmation of this instrument of alienation to John Viett we set to our hands and seals this year of our Lord God one Thousand seven hundred and ten, and in the ninth year of the reign of our sovreign lady Ann by the grace of God queen of England, etc., signed, sealed and delivered in the presence and witnesses of us this the fifth day of January, seventeen hundred and eleven.

THOMAS HOLCOMB,
JOHN TERRY.

JNO. GRIFFIN,
THO. GRIFFIN.
EPHRAM GRIFFIN.
NATHANIEL GRIFFIN.
MARY HOSKINS.
ELIAS GILLETT.
JOSEPH HUMPHREY.

Jan. 5, 1711, John Griffin, Thomas Griffin, Nathaniel Griffin, Mary Hoskins, and Elias Gillett, all and each of them personally appeared before me the subscriber and acknowledged these above mentioned deed and instrument to be their and each of their voluntary act and deed before me John Higly, Justice of peace.

Received above said to enter into Simsbury record April 14, 1713.

Test. JOHN SLATER, *Clerk.*

Simsbury Town Records, b. IV, p. 49:

April 8, 1723, ——— At the same time layed out to John Viett one parcel of land bounding north on the highway that leads from the Samon brook mill towards Windsor, westerly on William Hayes' and Joseph Lamson's land, being in length 150 rods, and in breadth at west end 120 rods, and at east end 36 rods, being 82 acres be it more or less.

Hartford Probate Records, b. X, p. 55:

At a court of Probate holden at Hartford on the 3d day of January Anno Domini 1724.

Present Joseph Talcott esq. Judge. Hez. Wyllys Clerk. This Court Grant Letters of administration on the estate of John Viett, Late of Symsbury deceased unto Katharine Viett widow of said deceased and Andrew Henning of said Symbury provided bond be given us as the law directs and order that they render an account of administration of said estate on or before the first tuesday of January 1725. bond was accordingly given and Letters of administration taken this day. . . . . .

Hartford Probate Records, b. X, p. 211:

An inventory of the estate of Doctor Jonn Viett deceased November the 18th, 1723, as followith: — Wearing Apparel, £1, 10s, Cutlass, 10s., one Bed, Bedstead and covered furniture, £2, 10s., one Bed Ticking and Blanket, 10s., Saddle and bridle, 15s., one Collar and Traces, 11s., one Horse Cart Irons and Cart Saddle, 9s., one Sledge, 4s., 3 wedges, 6s., one axe, 3s., Stubbing Hoe, 5s., one pair of Andirons, 8s., old Iron, 10s., one chisel, 8d., 15 books written in the german language, the worth not known to us. Two Peauter Platters, 9s., 5 Peauter Plates, 7s., 16 quart cups and pint Cups, 7s., one Iron Pott and Pott Hooks, 8s., one Trammel, 3s., one Little Pott, 2s. 6d., one Brass Kettle, 8s., 3 Bowles, 8s., 2 dishes, 6d., 8 Trenchers, 8d. and Platters, 6d., one earthan Jugg and earthan Pott, 2s., 6d., one hand bellows, 3s., one Table, 3s., one morter and Iron Pessel, 3s., one Trunk, 1s., one old Chest, 3s., one Little wheal, 2s. 6d., one great wheal, 1s. 6d., 5 chairs, 2s., 2 Payles, 2s., Eleven Vials, 2s., 6d, Lumber, 6s., one Brass Candlestick, 1s., 4 Piggs, £1, 3s., one gollon Bottle,

1s., one Picture, 2s., 78 acres of Land, £15, 12s., Part of a Building with some Boards, £1, 8s., ... taken this 31st day of December, 1723.

The following three quotations are from the old account book of Henry Viets, now in possession of Jonathan M. Viets of Bryan, O.:

On the first page:

Henry alias Henricus alias Horniricus Viett of Simsbury, Conn., His book of Accounts or Accompts 1729.

On the back leaf:

November ye 18th Deth of my father Dr. John Vietts 1723.
March ye 6th Deth of my mother year 1734.

A record similar to these is said to be seen in the old account book of Captain John Viets, brother of Henry, now in possession of Charles Preston of Syracuse, N. Y.

Inscription from a stone in the burying ground at Simsbury:

Catron Vets, ye wife of Dct. John Vets, died March 5, 1734, Æ. 68.

In the inventory of the estate of Henry Viets, son of Dr. John, are mentioned among other things the following articles:

"Old chest — 4s.
Sea chest — 14s.
Book of Common Prayer
9 small books
18 pamphlets."

Further quotations from the life of Bishop Griswold:

On page 29 the author quotes from Mrs. Bright, whose mother was a sister of the bishop:

"His mother (Eunice), whom in person he strongly resembled, was a woman of uncommon energy, dignity, and decision of character. Well do I remember the deep awe and veneration which filled our minds (as children) when she entered the room where we were. I remember when myself a very young child, accompanying my mother on a visit to her and the bishop's grandmother (Lois) then very aged." Mrs. Bright says that Eunice, the bishop's mother, was very strict with her children, and kept them at work every moment.

On page 35 is a quotation from the bishop's journal referring to Roger Viets:

"About the time of my birth my mother's brother, the Rev. Roger Viets, returned from England in Priest's orders. . . . For several years he was an inmate in my father's family, and for most of the time till my twentieth year I lived with him. He was an excellent scholar, with a rare talent for communicating knowledge to others. . . . Even when laboring in the field together, as we did for hundreds of days, he would still continue his instructions." As the bishop often told his worthy companion . . . many are the Latin lessons which he has studied by taking his book from his pocket and poring over its contents while riding horse for his ploughman uncle.

Will of John Viets, Jr., son of Captain John, and brother of Roger, as recorded at the Halls of Record, Hartford:

In the name of God amen. I John Viets Junr. of Symsbury, in the County of Hartford and Colony of Connecticut in New England being sick and weak in Body, but of perfect mind and memory Thanks be given unto God, calling to mind the mortality of the body and knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, That is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hand of God Almighty that gave it, and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian Burial at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as Touching such worldly estate, as herewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give and dispose of the same in the following manner and form. . . . Imprimis I give and Bequeath unto Elizabeth, my Beloved Wife one third of all my personal estate, also the use of one third part of my Real Estate During her natural life.

Item, I give unto my beloved sons Hezekiah Phelps Viets and John Viets the sum of 120 pounds each.

Item, I give unto my two beloved Daughters Deborah Viets and Elizabeth Viets the sum of 50 pounds each. . . . I have herewith set my hand and seal this 11th Day of January, 1763.

(Signed)
JOHN VIETS, Junr.

Witnesses { John Viets
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